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AGENDA **SGC GENERAL MEETING** **August 10, 2005** **3:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order/Sign In *President Jean-Baptiste*
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Presidents Report..... *President Jean-Baptiste*
- IV. Vice President's Report..... *VP Linton*
- V. Finance Report..... *Zachary Trautenberg*
 - a. Finance Committee Selection*
- VI. House Report..... *VP Linton*
- VII. Community Comments
 - A. Important Dates**
 - 1. 8/12/05-Orientation
 - 2. 8/26/05-Orientation
 - 3. 8/19/05-Relay for Life
 - 4. 8/20/05-Relay for Life
 - 5. 9/01/05-Freshmen Luau
- VIII. Adjournment



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Minutes Student Government Council General Meeting 08/10/05

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Natkisha Jean-Baptiste, President
Mr. Lemar Linton, Vice-President
Mr. Zachary Trautenberg, Finance Chair
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
Mr. Rogell Levers, Director of Alumni Affairs
Ms. Franchine Daley, Director of Special Events
Ms. Alina Balean, Journalism and Mass Comm. Representative
Ms. Maxi Bakst, Director of Internal/ External Affairs
Mr. Edgard Izaguirre, Lower Division Representative
Ms. Rachael Caines, Executive Assistant

ABSENT:

Ms. Ekaterina Samborskaya, Student Union Board Chair

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Mr. Andre Brathwaite, Hospitality Management Representative

GUESTS:

Mr. Craig Cunningham, Director of Campus Life and Orientation
Mr. Rafael Zapata, Assitant Director of Campus Life
Mr. Michael Santiago
Ms. Emahn Abdul-Hakeem
Ms. Kenasha Paul
Mr. Micheal Hepburn
Mr. ODarius D'Haiti
Mr. Edgard Izaguirre
Mr. Franklin Soares



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CALL TO ORDER:

A General Meeting of the Student Government Council was held at the Biscayne Bay Campus on August 10, 2005. President Jean-Baptiste was present and the meeting was called to order at 3:48 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes were approved as corrected.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council of her meeting with Aramark. She then gave a report of the changes being made for Fall semester in the dining services. All of the changes agreed upon will be implemented in time for the Fall semester.
- President Jena-Baptiste informed the council of the progress of the S.G.A. trip. The poll has been reviewed and 66% of the council members agreed that a trip to selected Florida State Universities would be best. A listing of Florida State Universities will be posted in the next poll on the yahoo group for council members to choose from. President Jean-Baptiste encourages all council members to cast their vote so that their voice can be heard.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council on the status of the SPC expansion. After speaking with Dr. Brian Haynes, Dr. Raul Moncarz, and Dr. Rosa Jones, she gladly reports that storage space behind the current space for SPC will be expanded to accommodate them. Dr. Jones has ensured that quotes are being taken and that a reasonable timeframe will be established for the completion of the project. A temporary alternative for SPC was to have them share The Beacon's current space however; The Beacon sees this alternative as an unlikelihood.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Vice-President Linton discussed the new food menu for Aramark. The theme will be Boston Market meets Pollo Tropical. There will be an assortment of carved meats six side dishes and selection overall. The Oasis will be renamed and remodeled to include all Java City products. There is also a possibility that a foodservice area will be added in the library.
- Vice President Linton informed the council that polo's are in and all council members should stop by the office to sign for their shirt if they have not done so already.
- Vice President Linton informed the council that the charges against Ms. Alina Belean have been dropped.

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT:

- Finance Chair Trautenberg informed the council of the persons presenting to the council for approval to the Finance Committee. The persons are:
 - Camilo Silva,
 - Stratos Papatriantafyllou,
 - Alina Balean,
 - Pamela St. Fluer.
- A motion to vote by a show of hands was proposed by Pamela St. Fluer and seconded by Alina Balean. Vice-President Linton motioned to vote Camilo Silva to the Finance Committee. Camilo Silva was approved with a vote of (6-0-1).



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- Vice-President Linton motioned to vote Stratos Papatriantafyllou to the Finance Committee. Stratos Papatriantafyllou was approved with a vote of (6-0-1).
- Vice-President Linton motioned to vote Pamela St. Fluer to the Finance Committee. Pamela St. Fluer was approved with a vote of (6-0-1).
- Vice-President Linton motioned to vote Alina Balean to the Finance Committee. Alina Balean was approved with a vote of (6-0-1).

HOUSE REPORT:

- Vice President Linton informed the council that the House will meet at 5 p.m. this evening after the S.G.A. General meeting. Vice President Linton informed the council the House elections will be held on 08/31/05.
- Alina Balean motioned to move the house meeting to one week before the Fall semester begins. Pamela St. Fluer motions for a friendly amendment to have the House meeting moved 09/07/05. Vice President Linton calls for a vote. Alina Balean motions for a vote and the Vice President seconds. The council agreed to have the meeting moved by a vote of (5-1-1).

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

- Finance Chair asked when the next University Wide Meeting will be held. President Jean Baptiste informed the council that the President of Student Government at the University Park Campus, Mr. Alex Prado, has not set a date for the meeting to be held in August. President Jean-Baptiste insures that a Speaker of the House will be in place in time for the meeting.
- President Jean Baptiste reminded the council that Orientation sessions will be held on 08/12/05, 08/22/05, and 08/26/05 at 12 noon. Council members are expected to participate and S.G.A. polo's must be worn.
- Mr. Craig Cunningham announced that 60-100 freshman will be relocated to Bay Vista Housing.
- Mr. Craig Cunningham announced that on 11/17/05 the Florida Board of Governors will meet in Orlando and Tallahassee. F.I.U.'s medical school initiative will be discussed. There is a possibility that the medical school will be housed on the Biscayne Bay Campus.
- Student Services Chair Suarez informed the council about Relay for Life. The event will be held on 08/19/05 and 08/20/05 from 6p.m.to 6p.m. She is requesting assistance from the council with set-up and clean-up. She asks that available council members contact her by phone.
- Student Services Chair Suarez informed the council that a Relay for Life meeting will be held on Monday 08/15/05.
- President Jean Baptiste informed the council of Freshman Convocation. The event will be held on the University Park Campus at the Pharmed Areana.
- President Jean Baptiste informed the council about the Freshman Luau which will be held on 09/01/05 from 12:00-2:30p.m. on the Hospitality Management Patio.



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- Mr. Franklin Soares informed the council of the Bay Vista Hall Blowout. The event will be held at Bay Vista Housing on 09/03/05.
- Mr. Michael Santiago informed the council that representatives will receive formal articles of impeachment President Jean Baptiste and Vice President Linton over the two week break.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.