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## **AGENDA** **SGC GENERAL MEETING** **September 7, 2005** **3:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order/Sign In..... *President Jean-Baptiste*
- II. Introduction of Council Members
- III. Introduction of SGA Interns..... *Sophie Morno*
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Appointments
- VI. President's Report..... *President Jean-Baptiste*
- VII. Vice President's Report..... *VP Linton*
- VIII. Finance Report..... *Zachary Trautenberg*
  - a. *Finance Committee Member Selection*
- IX. House Report..... *VP Linton*
- X. Community Comments
  - A. **Important Dates**
    1. 9/02/05 SLS Presentation ACI 262
    2. 9/08/05 Waxhands & Laser Tag 11am-3pm Panther Square
    3. 9/08/05 SPC Comedy Show 9pm WUC Bllrms
    4. 9/13/05 Career Fair @ UP
    5. 9/14/05 Health Care Center Open House
    6. 9/14/05 SOC Orientation 3:45-7:15
    7. 9/20/05 Student Government Council Town Hall Meeting- WUC Ballroom
    8. 9/21/05 SOC Club & Resource Fair 11-2pm Panther Square
    9. 9/22/05 SPC Comedy Show
    10. 9/22/05 International Relations- Eminent Lecture Series-Professor Tchicaya
    11. 9/27/05 BBC Faculty Convocation- Rudy Crow- WUC Ballroom 4pm
    12. 9/28/05 Distinguished Lecture- Middle East Society
    13. 9/28/05 Volunteer Internship Fair-Campus Life Hallway
- XI. Adjournment

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**Minutes**  
**Student Government Council General Meeting**  
**09/07/05**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Natkisha Jean-Baptiste, President  
Mr. Lemar Linton, Vice-President  
Mr. Zachary Trautenberg, Finance Chair  
Ms. Brittany Williams, Chief of Staff  
Ms. Vanessa Robinson, Director of Public Relations  
Ms. Sophonie Morno, Intern Director  
Ms. Pamela St. Fleur, Representative at Large  
Mr. Camilo Silva, Lower Division Representative  
Mr. Andre Brathwaite, Hospitality Management Representative  
Ms. Franchine Daley, Director of Special Events  
Ms. Maxi Bakst, Director of Internal/ External Affairs  
Mr. Edgard Izaguirre, Lower Division Representative

**ABSENT**

Ms. Abah Hamilton, Clerk of Council  
Mr. Errol Jones, Athletics Director  
Mr. Stratos Papatiantafyllou, Representative at Large  
Mr. Jayesh D'Souza, International Student Services Chair  
Ms. Evelin Suarez, Student Services Chair  
Mr. Rogell Levers, Director of Alumni Affairs  
Ms. Rachael Caines, Executive Assistant

**GUEST**

Mr. Rafael Zapata, Assistant Director of Campus Life  
Ms. Kenasha Paul  
Ms. Krystle Browne  
Ms. Francheska Desravines  
Ms. Jessica Doricent  
Mr. Christian Jeannot  
Ms. Fabiola Laforte  
Mr. Joshua Luke  
Ms. Rachelle Petit-Homme  
Mr. Janell Simpson  
Mr. Dominic Smith



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## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes were corrected.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council of the new Cabinet members appointed to the council:
  - Stacey-Ann Samuels, Director of Public Relations
  - Kenasha Paul, Clerk of Council
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  - Sean McNary, Director of Technological Advancement
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- The House Representative voted by ballot and President Jean-Baptiste confirmed:
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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council of the Town Hall meeting that is to take place on September 20, 2005, and gave recognition to Franchine Daley, Director of Special Events. President Jean-Baptiste informed the council of the excellent work that she has put into the Town Hall meeting and requires that all SGA members attend and that they must take action into spreading the word. President Jean-Baptiste passed out flyers to the council and requested that each member put these flyers in strategic but legal areas of the campus to ensure attendance by the student body.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that members that have not turned in their SGA Student Schedules and office hours must do so by September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 to Brittany Williams, Chief of Staff. President Jean-Baptiste has requested for class schedules to be turned in personally to her also by the same date.



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## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS**

- Vice-President Lemar Linton discussed the changes that are occurring with the College of Business. The college is being audited and going through accreditation and that because of this for some student majoring in fields such as marketing, there are only one course being provided for the students at the Biscayne Bay Campus. Vice-President Lemar Linton will make sure that this is corrected and is seeing into this with the request from Administration.
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## **FINANCE CHAIR REPORT:**

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## **HOUSE REPORT:**

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- Edgard Izaquirre made a motion to discuss the bill of including an Honors College representative onto the Student Government Council and Vice-President Lemar Linton seconded that motion.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS:**

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## **ADJOURNMENT:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.



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