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AGENDA **SGC GENERAL MEETING** **September 14, 2005** **3:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order/Sign In..... *President Jean-Baptiste*
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Appointments
- IV. President's Report..... *President Jean-Baptiste*
- V. Vice President's Report..... *VP Linton*
- VI. Finance Report..... *Zachary Trautenberg*
- VII. Chief of Staff Report..... *Brittany Williams*
- VIII. House Report..... *Speaker Pamela St.Fleur*
- IX. Cabinet/Committee Report
- X. Community Comments
 - A. **Important Dates**
 - 1. 9/14/05 Health Care Center Open House
 - 2. 9/14/05 SOC Orientation 3:45-7:15
 - 3. 9/20/05 Student Government Council Town Hall Meeting- WUC Ballroom
 - 4. 9/21/05 SOC Club & Resource Fair 11-2pm Panther Square
 - 5. 9/22/05 SPC Comedy Show
 - 6. 9/22/05 International Relations- Eminent Lecture Series-Professor Tchicaya
 - 7. 9/22-23/05 FSA University o West Florida
 - 8. 9/27/05 BBC Faculty Convocation- Rudy Crow- WUC Ballroom 4pm
 - 9. 9/28/05 Distinguished Lecture- Middle East Society
 - 10. 9/28/05 Volunteer Internship Fair-Campus Life Hallway
- XI. Adjournment



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IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Natkisha Jean-Baptiste, President
Mr. Lemar Linton, Vice-President
Mr. Zachary Trautenberg, Finance Chair
Ms. Brittany Williams, Chief of Staff
Ms. Kenasha Paul, Clerk of Council
Ms. Pamela St. Fleur, Speaker of House
Ms. Abah Hamilton, Director of Internal/External Affairs
Mr. Rogell Levers, Director of Alumni Affairs
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Mr. Sean Cary, Housing Representative
Mr. Sean McNary, Director of Technological Advancement
Mr. Charles Blake, Parliamentarian
Ms. Aviole Ambroise, Campus Life Board Chair
Ms. Stacy-Ann Samuels, Director of Public Relations
Ms. Victoria Roman, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Sheree Williams, Elections Commissioner

ABSENT

Mr. Andre Brathwaite, Hospitality Management Representative
Ms. Evelin Suarez, Student Services Chair
Ms. Rachael Caines, Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Mr. Craig Cunningham, Director of Campus Life

CALL TO ORDER:

A General Meeting of the Student Government Council was held at the Biscayne Bay Campus on September 14th, 2005. President Jean-Baptiste was present and the meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved as corrected.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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- Vice-President Linton informed the council of the help that is needed to clean up the storage space in the Campus Life offices. Everyone is asked to make efforts to assist in the clean-up process.
- Vice-President updated the council with news of the Mask of Many Faces Pageant, which things are going as planned and participations looks promising.
- Vice-President Linton informed the council of the House elections and the results are as followed:
 - President/Speaker of the House: Pamela St. Fleur
 - Vice-President: Camilo Silva
 - Secretary: Edgard Izaguirre

FINANCE CHAIR REPORT

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CHIEF OF STAFF REPRT

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CABINENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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