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# COUNCIL MINUTES

October 12, 2005

Prado called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

## **Roll Call**

### **Governing Council**

Tony Delgado (AB)  
Carlos Velazco  
Chereen de Boehmler  
Bill Buchanan  
Alfonso "Alfie" Leon  
Mari Cabrera (AB)  
Marbely Hernández  
Hilda Rose Benard  
Angelina Troff

AJ Meyer  
Cesar Quinzada (AB)  
Santiago Bermúdez (AB)  
Nidia Cruz (EX)  
Kimberly Castillo (AB)  
Armando Aragón (AB)  
Darius Ahrabi-Asly (EX)

### **Standing Committee Chairpersons**

Kenny Gelok  
Kenny Alce (AB)  
Nancy Cadavid  
Providence E. Okoye  
Raynard Morgan  
Aviva Rose-Avila (LT)  
Morgan Darity (LT)

### **Standing Council Chairpersons**

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

### **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

Prado wanted to welcome everyone to today's meeting. Commencement Purchasing carpet to lay out for DM. Prado is going to a Sub Committee Parking and Transportation meeting which he will update everyone on for the next meeting. Tomorrow at 9:00pm, Prado will be going to an Intramural field meeting to finalize the details. They are hoping to get the Bid in December and to start construction in February. Next Wednesday there is a BOG informational at 1:00pm. Britt will be talking more on the BeHive project which will be this Friday at 3:00pm. Denton went with Prado to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Torch awards gala. Prado hope that everyone will go for the tail gate and game this Saturday.

Vice President Christine Denton

The parent family BBQ is this weekend. SGA council needs to be out their. We don't have to pay but we do need to be their to help out. Denton gave an update on the Board of Directors SAA. Denton attended a Board of Council presidents meeting last Friday. They are looking for four people to go on the Louisiana trip. The students need to pay their way. This weekend is the FIU vs. North Texas football games. Please go out and support. Denton wanted to thank everyone who went out to the State of University address.

Comptroller Nancy Cadavid  
No Report

Chief of Cabinet Brittany M. Juliachs

Dr. Jones workshop 1-2 is Mandatory. Randy has been coordinating it. More information will be dispersed as made available. Brittany wanted you to make sure you contact your interns. They are ambitious and ready to work. There are 42 interns so make use of them, to help us complete our goals. If you have any problems contact Robert. Don't forget to support the FIU spirit bands. Cabinet meeting after council.

Speaker of the House Alfie Leon

House meeting in the conference room at 4pm on Monday. The tech committee applications are available now. Good Luck on mid-terms.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

Academic Affairs Aviva Rose-Avila

Last meeting at 3pm went very well. Faculty went over the grading system; was very vague. As for the Bindings, the Faculty is very resistant and it doesn't look good. The next general meeting is October 20 at 2pm.

Campus Life Morgan Darity  
No Report

International Students Providence E. Okoye

Meeting next week Wed. at 2pm. The special events meeting on Monday went well; Taste of the World.

Student Services Kenny Gelok

Last Thursday Roy Eder came to FIU to give a presentation on Mobilecampus; the meeting consisted of members of SGA, Campus Life, and FIU Business services. In the meeting Roy discussed some of the proposals that Mobilecampus has in mind for events. This is something that I know we have been talking about for a while in GC, but why not let Mobilecampus come in and pay for this expense? From here the University is evaluating the contract proposal, and if adopted this technology will be in place by the start of the 2006 fall semester. Kenny has scheduled a meeting for Panthercard expansion next week with Dr. Bonanno, hopefully by the end of this meeting we will have a sound timetable on Panthercard, and when and how it will be expanded. On Monday Kenny, Prado and Denton had a meeting with Bill Foster from Parking and Traffic about the situation with the busses from University Park to Biscayne Bay. The problem with this service is that over the past few months gas prices as we all know have gone up tremendously so

in turn many students are choosing to take the bus to BBC instead of driving. Since many students were missing classes due to the busses being full, Parking and Traffic for the need of a third bus at an expense of \$625,000 which well need to be made up somehow. Right now we are looking at ways of making this amount up, but it will probably be through an increase in both the individual ticket price as well as the transportation fee, which will affect all of us. Kenny will be working with both the committee and the parking and traffic office to possibly survey bus riders too see where they will be most comfortable with a price increase. There will be a student services meeting on Friday at 10:15 I the SGA conference room, everyone is welcome to attend.

Student Union                                      Ray Morgan  
No Report

**Reports of Boards**  
Elections Board                                      Kenny Alce  
No Report

Judicial Board  
Vacant

**Reports of Standing Council**  
Panther Rage                                      Jonelle Graham  
No Report

SPC    Raj Maharaj  
Hispanic Heritage week is here! October 12 – movie in GC 140. Oct. 13 – Flamenco dancing, Carnival at 2pm in lot 7. Oct. 20 – National Ampoon at 12pm (they will be screening students TV shows and movies.) Oct. 22 – Halloween Horror nights. It in its final stage and there are only 15 seats open. Oct. 23 – Hanson will be here (get your tickets in GC 140)

Homecoming                                      Brian Swensen  
Magic 8 balls are in. They are not having Panther Prow, because the comedy show got canceled. The contract fell through with the comedian. Exotic toys, a car dealership, donated awesome cars for the parade. FIU band might not be in the parade so to take their place they might have a flat bed with a DJ playing the fight song the whole time.

**Reports of Governing Council**  
Honors Council                                      Dianne Cordova  
No Report

GSA    Travis Gabriel  
No Report

RHA    Natalie Jaramillo  
No Report

SOC    Larissa Locket  
SOC Just had their second general meeting yesterday. It went very well.

**Old Business**  
None

**New Business**  
None

**Announcements**  
A) Campus Life meeting at 8pm – SGA conference room

B) House meeting on Monday at 4pm.

C) Prado wants to wish everyone the Best of Luck with mid-terms!

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM

**Report from the S.G.A. General Meeting at University Park held on 10/12/05**

- There will be no Panther Prowl for Homecoming. The comedy show has been cancelled; the contract with Jaime Kennedy fell through. However, there will be donated vehicles from exotic toys for the grand marshals for the parade.
- The academic affairs chair Aviva- Rose Avila is working with faculty and administration to discuss changing the grading scale.
- The sub-committee for shuttle bus is still discussing options to keep the bus funded.



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advised the representatives that were appointed that they would have to fill out these applications and go through the election process to keep their seat within the House.

- Mr. Craig Cunningham presented new information about the elections and that the dates for them may have to be moved due to conflict with another event that will take on the same dates.
- Mr. Craig Cunningham reminded the council of the Parent's Weekend. There is a reception at 6 pm on Friday and then followed at 7 pm, a picnic at housing. Saturday there will be a jazz concert, carnival and admittance to an FIU football game. The cost for this Parent's Weekend is \$30.00.
- Vice President Linton informed the council that there will be a cocktail reception prior to the FIU scholarship pageant and that there is room for four more individuals on the council, those interested will leave their name with Kenasha Paul, Clerk of Council.
- Rogell Levers, Alumni Affairs Director informed the council of a student alumni meeting that will be held on Monday at 3:30 pm in WUC 159. He asked that all interested members please attend.
- Mr. Craig Cunningham informed the council that any members who are interested in careers in public service or international affairs that there will be a career fair on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm in the Kovens Center. Mr. Cunningham will make flyers for those interested in attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.