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## Student Government Council

### **AGENDA** **SGC GENERAL MEETING** **October 19, 2005** **3:30 PM**

- I. Call to Order/Sign In ..... *President Jean-Baptiste*
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Finance Report..... *Zachary Trautenberg*
- IV. Vice President's Report..... *VP Linton*
- V. President's Report ..... *President Jean-Baptiste*
- VI. Chief of Staff's Report ..... *Bri ttany Williams*
- VII. Committee Chair/ Director Reports
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Community Comments
  - A. Important Dates
    - 1. 10/20-10/29 Homecoming Week
    - 2. 10/20/05 Diversity Day
    - 3. 10/21/05 Homecoming Step Show 7pm
    - 4. 10/25/05 Town Hall Meeting 3-5pm
    - 5. 10/25/05 SOC Halloween Bash 11-2pm
    - 6. 10/27/05 Homecoming Dance
    - 7. 10/28/05 Variety Show
    - 8. 10/29/05 FIU v. Middle Tennessee
- X. Adjournment

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## Minutes SGC General Meeting 10/19/2005

### IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Natkisha Jean-Baptiste, President  
Mr. Lemar Linton, Vice President  
Mr. Zach Trautenberg, Finance Chair  
Ms. Brittany Williams, Chief of Staff  
Ms. Kenasha Paul, Clerk of Council  
Mr. Charles Blake, Parliamentarian  
Mr. Brent Maximin, Student Lobbying Director  
Ms. Stacy-Ann Samuels, Director of Public Relations  
Ms. Sheree Williams, Elections Commissioner  
Ms. Franchine Daley, Director of Special Events  
Ms. Sophonie Morno, Intern Director  
Mr. Jayesh D'Souza, International Students Services Chair  
Mr. Sean McNary, Director of Technical Advancement  
Ms. Abah Hamilton, Director of Internal/External Affairs  
Ms. Victoria Roman, Academic Affairs Chair  
Ms. Maxi Bakst, Judicial Board Chair  
Ms. Janet Ellison, Arts and Science Representative  
Mr. Andre Brathwaite, Hospitality Management Representative  
Ms. Ytaelena Lopez, Graduate Representative  
Mr. Camilo Silva, Lower Division Representative

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### ABSENT

Mr. Rogell Levers, Director of Alumni Affairs  
Ms. Vanessa Robinson, Panther Power Director  
Ms. Lenneice Drew, Journalism & Mass Communication Representative  
Ms. Rachel Caines, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Stratos Papatriantafyllou, Representative-at-Large  
Ms. Anna Chowaniec, Broward/Pines Representative  
Mr. Edgard Izaguirre, Lower Division Representative

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Ms. Aviole Ambroise, Campus Life Board Chair  
Ms. Pamela St. Fleur, Speaker of House

### GUEST

Rafael Zapata, Assistant-Director of Campus Life  
Steven Ramirez



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Dominic Smith  
Joshua Luke  
Rachelle Petit-Homme  
Courtney Alexander

A general meeting of the Student Government Council was held November 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
2005 at 2:30 pm.  
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## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved as corrected.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that the meeting that was scheduled at the Pines Center has been rescheduled for Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that the quizzes that will be distributed at the one-o-one meetings and the interns will receive theirs at the intern meeting on Friday. President Jean-Baptiste reminded the council that today would have been the day to dress comfortably for a special student government meeting but that has been rescheduled for Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that Spring orientation is around the corner and that she is seeking for members to come out as representatives of Student Government Council. The dates are as followed: Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the times of the dates are from 12-1 pm. If there are volunteers to please see her after the meeting or in her office.
  - Chief of Staff, Britney Williams suggested that a committee should be formed that is in charge of preparing for events like orientation. Their task would be setting up the table and making sure there is enough information to properly represent Student Government Council. President Jean-Baptiste would look into that, but requires that Student Government attendance is required at these events, and preparation for these events will be under her jurisdiction.
- President Jean-Baptiste passed out to the council a sheet to mark what certain items like polo shirts or name tags that any council member is missing.
- President Jean-Baptiste passed along to the council a sheet for the rescheduled dates for the one-on-one meetings.



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- President Jean-Baptiste gave words of encouragement to all the small or major victims of Hurricane Wilma, she is happy to <sup>see</sup> ~~see~~ despite the hurricane many of her council members have returned safely.
- President Jean-Baptiste discussed the university's proposal to extend the academic school year due to Hurricane Wilma. There has not been as of yet a set date o the extension or will this actually happen but she will contact the council through the yahogroup when information is provided.
- President Jean-Baptiste updated the council on the medical school proposal meeting that will be held on Friday at 2:30 pm. Those that have been invited need to attend this mandatory meeting.

## APPOINTMENTS

- President Jean-Baptiste introduced Courtney Alexander, a freshman student at FIU seeking the position of Student Services Chair. Ms. Alexander was given 2 minutes of speaking time and the house voted by secret ballot and was appointed into the position.  
--Courtney Alexander, Student Services Chair (5-0-0)

## NEW BUSINESS

- Town Hall Meeting *postponed*
  - Due to Hurricane Wilma the Town Hall Meeting that was scheduled for Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, has been ~~scheduled~~. There is work in the process to move the meeting to another date or consider revision in the Student Government by-laws.
- Elections
  - Elections Commissioner, Sheree Williams updated the council on the new dates for the elections. Due to Hurricane Wilma, the election process has been pushed back, the dates are as followe<sup>s</sup>d:  
Applications are due: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Campaigning: November 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2005  
Voting: November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

Sheree Williams distributed flyers to be passed out to the general student body.

- Homecoming
  - Again due to Hurricane Wilma, the dates for homecoming have been pushed back. Homecoming Week will now fall under the same week as the Affair of the Arts week. The dates are as followed:
    - Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> -Omar Tyree lecture
    - Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> --Open Mike Night



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- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>—Homecoming Dance
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>—Homecoming Game
  
- FSA—University of South Florida
  - President Jean-Baptiste reminded the council that the trip to University of South Florida is still scheduled for Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> and that the Vice-President or herself will be able to attend and that there is an opening (Charles Blake). Brent Maximin, Student Lobbying Director informed the council that arrangements are being made and that he is awaiting price quotes for lodging and transportation.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Congratulations go out to Dr. Rosenberg who has been promoted to Chancellor of Florida and that a new provost will be selected.
- Brent Maximin directed a question as to, should the dates of the Voters Registration should be pushed back, but President Jean-Baptiste saw no reasons as to why they should.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.



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**Minutes**  
**SGC General Meeting**  
**10/19/2005**

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Ms. Abah Hamilton, Director of Internal/External Affairs  
Ms. Victoria Roman, Academic Affairs Chair  
Ms. Maxi Bakst, Judicial Board Chair  
Ms. Janet Ellison, Arts and Science Representative  
Mr. Andre Brathwaite, Hospitality Management Representative  
Mr. Camilo Silva, Lower Division Representative

**ABSENT**

Mr. Charles Blake, Parliamentarian  
Ms. Vanessa Robinson, Panther Power Director  
Ms. Lenneice Drew, Journalism & Mass Communication Representative  
Ms. Rachel Caines, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Stratos Papatriantafyllou, Representative-at-Large  
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Ms. Anna Chowanec, Broward/Pines Representative  
Ms. Sheree Williams, Elections Commissioner

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Ms. Pamela St. Fleur, Speaker of House  
Mr. Edgard Izaguirre, Lower Division Representative

**GUEST**

Craig Cunningham, Director of Campus Life



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Daisy Garcia  
Fabiola LaPorte  
Christian Jeannot  
Kashif Ayub  
Chester  
Krystle Brown  
Steven Guererro

A general meeting of the Student Government Council was held October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 3:35.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes were approved as corrected for the dates of 09/14/05, 10/05/05 and 10/12/05.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

- Zachary Trautenberg informed the council that SGA chairs and directors all have money set aside for their committee, however as of now only two members have turned in "File for Funds", there is still time to do so, but he advises those not to wait until the end of the year to spend all the money at once.

## **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Vice-President Linton informed the council that the meeting that was to be scheduled with Dr. Einham will be rescheduled; the meeting pertained to finances.
- Vice-president Linton reminded the council of the SGA pageant that will held November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, tickets are free, those that are interested in attending can stop by his office to collect tickets. Lemar Linton mentions as well that invitations for the cocktail have been given out, those that are invited are solely invited and guests will not be allowed.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Jean-Baptiste updated the council with information on Hurricane Wilma. She has not received word of where the University stands but when information is given to her, she will make measures to inform the rest of the council. Check the yahoo group for updated information in the next few days.





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- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council of the important meeting to rally support for the acquisition of a medical school program here at Florida International University. The meeting will take place on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Jacksonville, Florida. The school is looking for 40 interested students to attend that would show their support for the medical program. Before this meeting Dr. Jones, Dean of Affairs will brief the students and additional attendees of proper behavior and etiquette to ensure the approval of the medical program.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that she would like to sponsor a table for the business etiquette dinner for 10 students. If more students are interested, there will be consideration for a larger table. This table is for non-SGA members, but if seating is available seats will be open to those that are interested in attending.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 there will an SGA meeting at the Broward/Pines Center, carpooling will be provided, departing no later than 2:30 pm.
- President Jean-Baptiste reminded the council that the one-on-one meetings with her will be taking place during Nov. 24 thru 26. President Jean-Baptiste passed around a sign-up sheet for available times to meet with her, this is a mandatory meeting.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that there are still individuals who have not turned in their bi-weekly reports to her. Arminda Pravia has received a letter of stop payment for those that have not turned those in. Bi-weekly reports must be turned in on time; those that can not deliver it to her in a physical form can email it to her or post it on the yahogroup as well.
- President Jean-Baptiste introduced an interested judicial board committee member; she asked if any one objected to his entrance on the committee and there were no objections.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that there will be a special SGA meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005; she asks that all members dress comfortable and wear sneakers.

## **CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT**

- Brittany Williams discussed the success of the cabinet meeting that took place last week for those that could attend. Ms. Williams is looking to provide other alternatives for members who cannot attend the cabinet meetings.



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- Ms. Williams informed the council that a meeting with Vanessa Robinson, Panther Power Director and Vice-President Lemar Linton took place and the results were successful.
- Ms. Williams informed the council that there will be not be a cabinet meeting today, according to the by-laws cabinet meetings are scheduled to be bi-weekly. Ms. Williams informed the council unless needed, cabinet meetings will be only held twice a month. The following Wednesday, if the Hurricane permits, there will be a cabinet meeting, if not it will be tentatively rescheduled for the next Wednesday.

## COMMITTEE CHAIR/DIRECTOR REPORTS

### Brent Maxmin, Director of Student Lobbying

- The voter registration drive has been scheduled for **Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, 2005**. It will take place in **Panther Square** in the Wolfe University Center from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The venue has been reserved with WUC administration and confirmation received. All details have been confirmed with the Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections' Office. I have already designed flyers that will promote the drive, which I plan to start posting from as early as next week.
- With regards to the upcoming Florida Students Association meeting at the University of South Florida in Tampa, I have been in contact with Phillip Hamilton at University Park. I am awaiting confirmation on their travel plans, so that I can arrange for myself and the others to travel with them.
- I am presently in the process of gathering research for a report on tuition increase initiatives taking place at other Florida State schools

### Sophonie Morno, Intern Director

- Currently, due to the leave of one of our interns, I am working on the recruitment of one intern to complete the ten.
- Secondly, it has been decided by the Vice-President and myself that the interns will no longer be going on a retreat, but will still have a period in which we will all go out together away from FIU in order to have bonding time.
- Thirdly, I am still working on a meeting with the interns and Dr. Rosa Jones. As of the moment, her proposed date is for 10/25/2005, but I will be looking into another date because most of the interns have classes at those times.



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- Lastly, the interns are working on their special project and will continue to work on it at their next meeting, which will be on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Also, the President and I have looked over the Intern Evaluations and they have been returned to those who turned them in to your individual mailboxes with added comments from the President.
- As of this Friday the interns will be filling out every other Friday an Intern Evaluation of Mentor forms.

## Rogell Levers, Director of Alumni Affairs

- Presently I am still working on hosting the SGA banquet, and all the networking dinner. The SGA Banquet will be hosted on December 8, 2005, while the Networking dinner will be hosted on December 1, 2005. Unfortunately there will not be a foam party after the networking dinner, however there will a separate foam party in the ending part of November.

## Sean McNary, Director of Technological Advancement

- Recently I have been working on gathering all the pictures for the website, so that all the members will have their photo along with their name on their respective section of the SGA website. I will also be posting the minutes for each week on the website, so that others may see our progress as well as those members who had not been able to attend the meetings. I expect the website to have these updates by the weekend.

## Stacy-Ann Samuels, Director of Public Relations

- Moving SGA members to a ballroom and to advertise for SGA meetings.
- Work has been put in to have one meeting a month in panther square sometime in the spring semester.

## Vanessa Robinson, Panther Power Director

- Homecoming: Pajama Jam, Pep-Rally, Tailgate party and the BBC Benefit Drive. The Pajama jam and Pep-rally have already been planned and the files for funds are being processed.
- Future projects: planning for the basketball games
- Dancers and steppers will perform at the half-time games.

## Jayesh D'Souza, International Student Services Chair

- The committee met on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at the Campus Life conference room
- They finalized surveys and will distribute them the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>



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- Will co-organize International Education Week, November 16 thru 18

## Franchine Daley, Director of Special Events

- The Town Hall Meeting is still scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2005 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm until further notice. I sent an email to every SGC member of the importance of attending this meeting. The attire for each SGC member at the Town Hall Meeting will be a SGA polo shirt and a nice bottom. Likewise, all members are asked to invite their classes and all others to this meeting.
- Diversity Day will be tomorrow, October 20, 2005 from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. The event is geared to celebrating all types of diversities. Each person is asked to help support this event.
- There will be a Holiday Social at the Pines Center November 19, 2005 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. This event gives the students a chance to mingle with SGC and Pine Center Administration while indulging in coffee and holiday box chocolates.

## Maxi Bakst, Judicial Board Chair

- I have been contacting all of my new Judicial Board members and by next week we will be coming up with a date that is convenient for all of us to meet. I assume our first meeting will be the first week of November. The first meeting will go over our responsibilities and obligations. We will also review the Constitution and Bylaws for all the organizations in Campus Life so that we can start making revisions. I contacted the University Park campus and they still have not filled the position for Judicial Board Chair. I will continue to contact them and keep the council updated.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- No new business.

## **COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

- Zachary Trautneberg wishes everyone to be safe, he advises those wanting updates about the hurricane and how affects the university to visit [www.fiu.edu/911](http://www.fiu.edu/911). He mentions also that when replying to a message posted on the yahogroup, to make sure to reply to the person that sent it and not the whole group. It is not necessary for everyone to read the messages.



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- Camilo Silva, Lower Division Representative reminds the representatives that their will be a house meeting following the SGA general meeting.
- Andre Brathwaite, Hospitality Management Representative informed the council that their will be a party sponsored by One.org at the University Park campus today at 10pm to 2 am.
- Stacy-Ann Samuels, Director of Public Relations informed the council of the Hurricane Katrina/Sickle Cell Charity events taking place on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005. She asks that members get the word out and show your support.
- Craig Cunningham requested of the council that any events that will take place requires now for some type of data to be collected. The number of participants that attends these events is essential to determine the budgeting for next year.
- Craig Cunningham informed the council that the Miami-Dade County offices would like Student Government to sponsor a room to host a forum informing individuals about credit reports and identity theft issues. The event will take place on Nov. 20<sup>t</sup> and Craig Cunningham asked if Student Government would mind sponsoring the event and there were no objections.
- Vice-President Linton informed the council that he has received a CD of a Bolivian band who request that we listen to their CD and review them. If we are interested in their music they would like to be considered to play at any events we have in mind.
- Franchine Daley, Director of Special Events informed the council that if hurricane Wilma does not cause the Town Hall meeting that is to be scheduled for Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, to come and see her and pass out flyers.
- Rogell Levers, Director of Alumni Affairs informed the council that the alumni meeting that took place this Monday was successful and saw a great turn-out. He informed the council that their will be a Health and Wellness Fair and that he will provide more information as soon as it is received.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 pm.



# AGENDA

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October 19, 2005

- I. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER  
Alex Prado  
SGC President
- II. ROLL CALL  
Katie Bechtold  
SGC Clerk
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- IV. PRESIDENT REPORT  
Alex Prado  
SGC President
- V. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT  
Christine Denton  
SGC Vice-President
- VI. COMPTROLLER REPORT  
Nancy Cadavid  
SGC Comptroller
- VII. CHIEF OF CABINET REPORT  
Brittany M. Juliachs  
SGC Chief of Cabinet
- VIII. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE REPORT  
Alfonso Leon  
SGC Speaker of the House
- IX. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
  - A) Academic Affairs
  - B) Campus Life
  - C) International Students
  - D) Student Services
  - E) Student Union
- X. REPORT OF BOARDS
  - A) Elections Board
  - B) Judicial Board - Vacant
- XI. REPORTS OF STANDING COUNCILS
  - A) Panther Rage
  - B) SPC
  - C) Homecoming
- XII. REPORTS OF GOVERNING COUNCILS
  - A) Honors
  - B) GSA
  - C) RHA
  - D) SOC

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A) The second meeting for the BOG trip is October 28<sup>th</sup>, time TBA.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**



# COUNCIL MINUTE

October 19, 2005

Prado called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

## **Roll Call**

### **Governing Council**

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

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

### **Standing Committee Chairpersons**

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

### **Standing Council Chairpersons**

Panther Rage- Jonelle Graham  
SPC- Raj Maharaj  
Homecoming- Brian Swensen

### **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 the meeting today. Rec. week is coming up. Look out for flyers, banners and aerobic classes. There was a 24hr Breezeway article in the Beacon. The article came out very well. BOC information meeting went very well. Prado wanted to express how important it will be for the medical school to receive support. The Torch awards will most likely be canceled due to the hurricane. Prado wanted to thank students for going to the FIU vs. North Texas game. On Thursday Gracies will be showing FIU Troy game live on the big screen at 8pm.

Vice President

Christine Denton

Intern retreat went very well. Please stay tuned for the homecoming events, they might be cancelled due to the hurricane. Parent family weekend went great! Denton went to the Intramural field meeting. The plans for the field are not prepared yet because more issues came up and they need to re-write them. Denton meet with Paula George, VP of student government at UM, to discuss the shuttle services.

Comptroller

Nancy Cadavid

- I have a meeting with Chini tomorrow to discuss some paperwork for the finance policy.
- I attended the workshop last week with Dr. Rosa Jones and Dr. Lundsford for the lobbying of the med school to the BOG. I look forward to the next workshop next week.
- I will be having an e-board meeting tomorrow at 3:30pm.
- I spoke to Marisa about transferring the extra money from last year's budget to rollover into this years account. I will let you know next week how much money will be placed into our Contingency account.
- There will be a finance committee meeting today at 6:30pm in my office.

Chief of Cabinet

Brittany M. Juliachs

Cabinet meeting after council. The intern retreat was a great success, and was very productive. BeHive was scheduled for 3pm Friday – but will be re-scheduled in coming weeks. Randy wanted to remind you of the mandatory meeting.

Speaker of the House

Alfie Leon

House meeting on Monday to discuss a Bill. Council Bill proposed for next week. Two representatives resigned due to personal issues; Armando and Santiago. Tech committee is opened up for house members. A proposal was brought up and a resolution will be brought up later. House meeting next Monday at 4pm in the conference room.

### **Reports of Standing Committees**

Academic Affairs

Aviva Rose-Avila

Committee meeting at 3pm on Wednesday. Cram jam is almost done. All that needs to be done is flyers.

Campus Life

Morgan Darity

No Report

International Students

Providence E. Okoye

Yesterday Providence meet with Renee Paterson in the Admissions office. She stressed some concerns like the need to house the Inter. St. Ambassador's program. They also discussed the need to create an e-mail system to facilitate the programs success. The committee is currently reviewing research that has been done on the other benchmark institutions. We are doing a cost benefit analysis to see what the best thing to do is. There was a committee meeting today. Next meeting is on Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm in the conference room. The council is encouraged to attend.

Student Services

Kenny Gelok

No Report

Student Union

Ray Morgan

Ray had a meeting with Ruth Hamilton. They are working on the construction for the sprinklers on GC 243. The AC will be completely replaced by June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Burger King will be put in where smoothie time is, which will be moved somewhere else. Campus life commercials can be advertised on the plasma TVs. The game room will be fixed in January. The ballroom ice machines should be replaced. People have been complaining that people have been bringing their pets into GC. This is not allowed so make sure you let others know. The restrooms are getting fixed. A teacher complained that people were watching Jerry Springer and he doesn't like it. The change machines will be giving out change for \$5 and \$10, not only coin change. There is a committee meeting today.

### Reports of Boards

Elections Board

Kenny Alce

Elections date is November 15 – 16 and will not be changed. Phillip is doing the applications. The deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mandatory candidates meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm to go over campaign rules. Their will be 8 computers for voting. SGA needs to promote this by word of mouth.

Judicial Board

Vacant

No Report

### Reports of Standing Council

Panther Rage

Jonelle Graham

Moonlight madness has been postponed to a later date. See Swensen for more details. Spring calendar has been completed.

SPC

Raj Maharaj

Carnival and Hispanic Heritage two weeks of well planned events. Carnival was a well planned event and also well executed. The only problem was the rain which we have no control over. Upcoming events: Tonight, Top Gun in GC 140 at 8pm for our cinema Wednesdays. Tomorrow is the National Lampoon's Casting call from 11-3. Friday Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in GC 140 at 7 and 10pm. Halloween Horror Nights trip will either be refunded or rescheduled. Hanson will not be here if the concert in Pompano is cancelled. We have a waiting list of 50 people so far for people who do not show. Check our website for more updates.

Homecoming

Brian Swensen

Moonlight madness is postponed. Lawn decorating stay tuned if anything. The bond fire is cancelled. Homecoming is still on. Homecoming court is closed. Banners are due Friday at 5pm.

### Reports of Governing Council

Honors Council

Dianne Cordova

Honors Council had their successful Society Fair yesterday, and they love their interns! Dianne has placed cell phone chairs in all of the SGA mailboxes, so please pick yours up in the office. Upcoming Honors Council events include Homecoming and Hands on Miami Day. Thanks.

GSA

Travis Gabriel

Last week they had a wonderful Grads Keller in Gracie's Grill. A number of council members were able to partake of the festivities alongside us. Currently GSA is in the revision of our website. We hired a new webmaster who is doing a phenomenal job and Travis hopes that all of the council can take a look at the website whenever you get the chance. Our next Grads Keller for this month will be on conjunction with UM's GSA on October 26th at the Oxygen lounge in Coconut Grove. All of you are welcomed to attend. The great part about this event is that whichever school's GSA gets the most attendance, the club will donate some money to our general account. The next football game GSA is teaming up with Panther Rage to promote attendance so expect GSA to have a table under the usual tent for the games. Our next Competitive Edge workshop is being held tomorrow at 2pm in the Career Services office, the topic is resume building for post graduate work. On this past Tuesday the BBC GSA representative held a workshop similar to the one the UP campus is having tomorrow. Please I ask that if any of you know of

some graduate students who take classes at the BBC campus send me their contact information to [GSA@fiu.edu](mailto:GSA@fiu.edu). Travis wanted to add that he went to the intern retreat and he had a great time. The interns are incredible.

RHA

Natalie Jaramillo

OCM contract is approved. Recycling is a go 10-19. Friday 10-14 Senior staff and RHA meeting – many concerns were addressed. Campus life and RHA calendar. SAA CURH is getting ready. Eight reps from FIU are going. South Atlantic Assoc. of College and University Residence Halls.

SOC

Larissa Locket

No Report

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Announcements**

- A) The second meeting for the BOG trip is October 28th, time TBA.
- B) Ingrid Trap – discusses the job opportunity
- C) RHA general meeting is the 26th in the Panther Hall at 9pm.
- D) Keep a look out for Baseball Games.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52M