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## Student Government Council

### **AGENDA** **SGC GENERAL MEETING** **October 12, 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. House Report..... *Speaker Pamela St.Fleur*
- VII. Chief of Staff's Report ..... *Bri ttany Williams*
- VIII. Unfinished Business
  - A. Postponed Motion**
- IX. New Business
  - A. Upcoming FSA Trip November 10-11, 2005**
  - B. Removal**
- X. Community Comments
  - A. Important Dates**
    - 1. 10/14/05 Latin Explosion Concert 9pm
    - 2. 10/15/05 FIU v. Texas 6pm
    - 3. 10/20-10/29 Homecoming Week
    - 4. 10/20/05 Diversity Day
    - 5. 10/21/05 Homecoming Step Show 7pm
    - 6. 10/25/05 Town Hall Meeting 3-5pm
    - 7. 10/26/05 SOC Halloween Bash 11-2pm
    - 8. 10/27/05 Homecoming Dance
    - 9. 10/28/05 Variety Show
    - 10. 10/29/05 FIU v. Middle Tennessee
- XI. Adjournment



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### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Natkisha Jean-Baptiste  
Mr. Lemar Linton, Vice President  
Mr. Zach Trautenberg, Finance Chair  
Ms. Brittany Williams, Chief of Staff  
Ms. Kenasha Paul, Clerk of Council  
Mr. Brent Maximin, Student Lobbying Director  
Mr. Rogell Levers, Director of Alumni Affairs  
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. Vanessa Robinson, Panther Power Director  
Ms. Sheree Williams, Elections Commissioner  
Ms. Victoria Roman, Academic Affairs Chair  
Ms. Maxi Bakst, Judicial Board Chair  
Mr. Charles Blake, Parliamentarian  
Ms. Aviole Ambroise, Campus Life Board Chair  
Ms. Janet Ellison, Arts and Science Representative  
Ms. Pamela St. Fleur, Speaker of the House  
Ms. Anna Chowaniec, Broward/Pines Representative  
Ms. Ytaelena Lopez, Graduate Representative  
Mr. Andre Brathwaite, Hospitality Management Representative  
Ms. Lenneice Drew, Journalism & Mass Communication Representative  
Mr. Camilo Silva, Lower Division Representative

### **ABSENT**

Mr. Stratos Papatriantafyllou, Representative-at-large  
Ms. Stacy-Ann Samuels, Director of Public Relations

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Mr. Edgard Izaguirre, Lower Division Representative

### **GUEST**

Dominic Smith  
Francheska Desravines  
Fabiola LaPorte



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Joshua Luke  
Krystle Brown  
Steven Ramirez  
Daisy C. Garcia  
Chester Robards  
Christian Jeannot  
Jessica Doricent  
Carlisha Chery  
Vicky Nicolas  
Rachelle Petit-Homme  
Ms. Rachel Caines, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Craig Cunningham, Director of Campus Life

A general meeting of the Student Government Council was held October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 pm.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The approvals of the minutes were postponed for next week's meeting.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

- Zachary Trautenberg distributed an Appropriation. The Agenda item was to provide the Student Programming Council with additional monetary aid in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Homecoming events.
- A motion was made by Vice-President Lemar Linton and seconded by Camilo Silva for the appropriations to be voted on the appropriation was approved with a (6-0-1) vote.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Jean-Baptiste introduced Petra Kohlmann, who presented to the council the New York Times Knowledge Network and how this program would be beneficial for Student Government to fund. She explained how this program was created to assist educators with one of the most diverse, and informative resources available, The New York Times. This paper is a useful tool in fostering curiosity, intellectual growth and civil participation. The program is offered to colleges nation wide at 60% less than the subscription cost. President Jean-Baptiste thought that this program would be useful to the Biscayne Bay Campus and that the "pilot" program approach should be done to see the success of the program at the Biscayne Bay Campus.
- President Jean-Baptiste reminded the council of how committee reports will be conducted. All committee chairs shall give a typed one paragraph



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page summary, explaining the work that is being conducted within that week to Kenasha Paul, Clerk of Council.

- President Jean-Baptiste went on to remind the council of the bi-weekly reports that need to be turned in. President Jean-Baptiste passed out the dates for when bi-weekly reports are to be turned in and that those that fail to do so, will need to see President Jean-Baptiste to discuss certain matters.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council of the Robert's Rule books that need to be issued to newly appointed members. Those that have not received one must see Ms. Jean Baptiste at the earliest time and those that have lost their book will not receive another.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that as of today only one standing committee has turned in the times and dates of their meetings. President Jean-Baptiste passed out a sheet for their chairs to fill in that information.
- President Jean-Baptiste touched base on the Open House that was October 8<sup>th</sup> and thanked those who signed-up and took the time to come out and give their support and participation.
- President Jean-Baptiste reminded the council of the Town Hall Meeting that will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3-5pm. All SGA members are required to attend. Those that can not attend must see Ms. Jean Baptiste at the earliest time so that provisions can be made.
- President Jean-Baptiste addressed the concern of the lighting at the front entrance of the school. She has discussed this problem with the proper officials and was told by FPL that the situation will be corrected by Monday. If it is not, it should be brought to her attention so that further action can be conducted.
- President Jean-Baptiste discussed office etiquette procedures and urged all members to pay attention against non-members in a respectful manner to ensure that the office stays in order, and that office supplies are left for SGA members only.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council of a quiz that she will draft to test the interns and SGA members on what they know about SGA, such as the by-laws and constitution. It is imperative that members read their by-laws and constitution and be knowledgeable of them.
- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that the time for one-on-one meetings with her will be approaching shortly. By mid-semester these meetings will be conducted so that she can sit down with her council to discuss SGA matters and their roles in the council.



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## HOUSE REPORT

- Ms. Pamela St. Fleur, Speaker of the House informed the council that a workshop will be conducted after the meeting by Chief of Staff, Brittany Williams.

## CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

- Chief of Staff, Brittany Williams informed the council that at the House meeting, the new procedure of how the council will clock in and out will be discussed and that the time sheets for this week will be reviewed.
- Ms. Williams commented on the success of the Open House and commended those that came out and did their part.
- Ms. Williams reminded the council that if there are issues with the time cards or discussion regarding office hours please email her or see her as soon as possible. She will make a greater effort to check the yahoo group more often if anyone is leaving messages there for her to see.
- Ms. Williams advised the council that as Chief of Staff, she is here to serve the council. If at any time a professional or personal issue needs to be discussed with her, she is available to listen.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Postponed to be discussed outside the SGA meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

- President Jean-Baptiste informed the council that there will be an upcoming trip to the University of South Florida on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. FSA, President Jean-Baptiste and Vice-President Lemar Linton can not attend and in their absence they will send Brent Maximin, Student Lobbying Director and Pamela St. Fleur, Speaker of the House. There is one slot that needs to be filled and anyone who wishes to go please see President Jean-Baptiste as soon as possible.

## COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- Aviole Ambroise, Campus Life Board Chair informed the council that she has registered SGA to participate in the Homecoming float. As SGA we will be responsible for creating a float and information will be given as soon as possible.
- Andre Brathwaite, Hospitality Management Representative informed the council that there will be an One.org meeting tonight at the University Park campus and that those interested can attend.
- Sheree Williams, Elections Commissioner, informed the council that applications for special elections are in the Campus Life office. She



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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.