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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGA General Meeting
01/16/2008

In Attendance

Ms. Katiana Saintable, President
Ms. Cassandra Andrade, Vice President
Mr. Jonathan Doozan, Comptroller
Ms. Kenasha Paul, Director of Legislative Affairs
Ms. Mnar Muhareb, Clerk Of Council
Ms. Yvette Casseide, Rep. At Large
Ms. Evonnia Dominguez, SJMC Rep.
Ms Judene Tulluch, Rep. At Large
Ms. Rashida Cohen, Housing Rep
Mr. Shane Gray, Student Union Board Chair

Mr. Craig Cunningham, Advisor

Absent

Ms. Stephanie Jacques, Chief of Staff
Ms. Magalie Sintus, Executive Assistant (Leave of Absence)
Ms. Ana Maria Silva, Internship Director (excused)
Mr. David Fonseca, Environmental Affairs Director (excused)
Ms. Daniela Ottati, Public Relations Director (excused)
Ms. Leslie Valentin, Speaker of the House (excused)
Ms. Summia Chaudry, Broward Pines Rep. (excused)
Ms. Debbie Brown, Lower Division Rep.
Mr. G.C Murray, Honors College Rep. (excused)
Mr. Fabrice Octave, Student Services (excused)

Guests

Mr. Zach Trautenberg, Marketing Specialist
Ms. Melissa Douge, Intern
Ms. Meniollenne Alexis, Intern
Mr. Joseph Lopes, Student
Mr. Greg Olson, Director of WUC

Call to Order

The Biscayne Bay Campus' Student Government Association held a General Meeting on the 16th of January 2008 in WUC room 155. The meeting was called to order at 3:45 PM by President Katiana Saintable, who presided over the meeting.

Minutes Approval

The minutes of the last meeting that took place on the 9th of January 2008 were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Vice President's Report..... *Cassandra Andrade, Vice-President*

- 1.) Ms. Andrade reported that she has spoken to Nancy Cadavid from Business services.
 - a. According to their conversation, there is no final date set for cafeteria completion. In the meantime, Ms. Andrade requested that signage to promote the vendors in the new facility be placed on the doors.
 - b. They also discussed looking into pending projects and having the vendors continue with themed lunch.
 - c. Ms. Andrade also wants to explore the possibility of bringing a Star Bucks on campus instead of Java City.
 - d. Also, a follow-up survey will be conducted to review C-store hours of operation and product evaluation.
- 2.) Prior to the winter break, John Carbarga came to speak about panther mail (panthermail.fiu.edu) password back to birthdays goes live January 28th meet him at 12 PM.
- 3.) Ms. Andrade announces that communication between FIU Government Relations and BBC SGA has improved. On March 10th at approximately 5 PM the FIU delegation will Depart to Tallahassee for the March 11th FIU Day. Fifteen students, six from BBC will lobby to the state legislature about important issues regarding FIU, such as the medical school, salaries, and matching grants.

Guest*Greg Olson, WUC Director*

- a.) Mr. Olson welcomed everyone back from their break and reviewed a couple points from Zack's report last meeting, such as the cafeteria still being under construction, and there being no timeline for the 3rd floor.
- b.) Mr. Olson also mentioned the plaque will be placed on the bathrooms which will be done by the end of February.
- c.) He lastly said the old gym has been cleaned up so it is available for use.

Advisors Report.....*Craig Cunningham, Director CLO*

- a.) Mr. Cunningham said the semester is will be packed with many activities that students will be able to enjoy.
- b.) Mr. Cunningham announced that attendance to the Leadership Summit on February 2nd is mandatory.
- c.) He also announced that the last SGA elections will be held 11 weeks from today. Furthermore, SGA's achievements will be celebrated at a banquet in April.
- d.) He concluded his report wishing everyone a great semester.

House Report.....*Judene Tulloch, Speaker Pro-Tempore*

- a.) Ms. Tulloch announced that the House will have a meeting before the next SGA general meeting on Wednesday, January, 23rd.
- b.) She attended a focus group meeting held by Business Services at the University Park Campus regarding retailers. She would like to incorporate a focus group at the Biscayne Bay Campus to evaluate the campus' challenges.

Legislative Update..... *Kenasha Paul, Director of Legislative Affairs*

- a.) Ms. Paul announced that BBC is hosting the USSA Board Meeting this coming weekend, January 18-19th. The Board Members are staying at the Best Western.
- b.) Ms. Paul is going to try to get lots of students to go to USSA's Legislative Convention and talk to neighboring universities about it.
- c.) Ms. Paul is working with Rock the Vote and the Miami-Dade Elections Department to assist BBC with getting students to vote.

Announcements

- Jan. 18th – 8 am MLK Commemorative Breakfast at UP Dr. Benjamin Carson is key speaker
- Jan. 18th -FSA at 10am on 3rd floor of GC building
- Jan. 23rd – Jerry Springer at BBC
- Jan. 24th – Rock the Vote/ Voter Education at 11-2 pm Panther Square
- Jan. 29th -Florida Primaries
- Feb.20th – SGA at Pines at 5 p.m.
- Feb. 28th – SGA Got Questions? At 11am-2 pm in Panther Square
- Feb. 21-24- South Beach Wine and Food Festival
- Open positions in SGA announce to peers

Special Announcement.....Zach Trautenberg, Marketing Specialist

- a.) Mr. Trautenberg announced that Vice-President Cassandra Andrade has been inducted into the National Leadership Honor Society Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK).

Meeting adjourned at 4:46P.M