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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES

SGA General Meeting
02/13/2008

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. Evonnia Dominguez, SJMC Rep.
Ms Judene Tulloch, Rep. At Large
Ms. Rashida Cohen, Housing Rep (arrived late 4:30 p.m)
Ms. Melissa Douge, Special Events Director (left early at 5:00 p.m)
Mr. G.C Murray, Honors College Rep.

Mr. Craig Cunningham, Advisor

Absent

Mr. David Fonseca, Environmental Affairs Director (excused)
Mr. Shane Gray, Student Union Board Chair (excused)
Ms. Magalie Sintus, Executive Assistant (Leave of Absence)
Ms. Daniela Ottati, Public Relations Director (excused)
Ms. Leslie Valentin, Speaker of the House (excused)
Ms. Summia Chaudry, Broward Pines Rep. (excused)
Mr. Fabrice Octave, Student Services (excused)
Ms. Ana Maria Silva, Internship Director (excused)
Ms. Stephanie Jacques, Chief of Staff (excused)

Guests

Joe lopes, Student
Simone Worsdale, Student
Earl Brundage, Grad Student
Nakeia Calvert

Call to Order

The Biscayne Bay Campus' Student Government Association held a General Meeting on the 13th of February 2008 in WUC room 155. The meeting was called to order at 4:19 PM by President Katiana Saintable, who presided over the meeting.

Guest Report.....*Zack Trautenberg*

a.) Mr. Trautenberg said he was sorry to see the face of SGA changing after this semester because it was the best he had seen so far.

b.) Mr. Trautenberg announced an ice cream social today at 5:30 p.m in the student lounge for Multiple Sclerosis Society to promote the walk.

c.) Lastly Mr. Trautenberg thanked SGA for funding the remodeling of the WUC bathrooms that are coming along nicely.

Guest Report.....*Steve Sauls*

a.) Mr. Sauls began by introducing himself as a lobbyist working in FIU politics trying to do good things for education.

b.) Mr. Sauls then went over how the state budget cuts were affecting school activities causing FIU to take in fewer students, even though there is a 27% increase in number of applications, so that the university can still serve its current 38,000 students the same.

c.) According to Mr. Sauls silence is equivalent to death and that problems must be voiced out to be taken care of. That it is up to the students at the university to voice their opinions and after graduation to work and bring Florida's economy back up.

President's Report *Katiana Saintable*

a.) Ms. Saintable announced that each council member is to email 10 legislatures because a little bit goes a long way. It should be announced to students and peers because it affects them and their financial aid. Ms. Paul is in charge of making sure that it's being done.

Vice President's Report *Cassandra Andrade*

a.) Ms Andrade began her report by reading the new Elections Commissioner's induction. His name is Jerry Gomez; he helped with "rock the vote". He has shown leadership potential and energy.

b.) Ms. Andrade announced that the USSA applications were due and also if there is anyone interested in FIU Day at the capital they should contact Ms. Andrade or Ms. Saintable.

c.) There might also be an increase in athletic fees instead of A&S fees.

d.) Ms. Andrade also announced that she received an email from Giselle who is doing Dance Marathon for 25 hours on March 1st and needs 4 volunteers. Each volunteer needs to raise 75 dollars.

e.) Ms. Andrade lastly announced that there are proposed changes to SGA to make it similar to the U.S government and there is an online copy of the proposal.

Advisor's Report *Craig Cunningham*

a.) Mr. Cunningham announced several events such as FIU night, Ralph Nader, a leadership speaker and the U-Wide Budget meeting

Comptroller's Report *Jonathan Doozan*

a.) Mr. Doozan reported that the Finance Committee had a meeting today and approved money for the BBC Science Club to attend the annual American Chemical Society national meeting.

Old Business

a.) Alternative Spring Break Proposal- approved unanimously

b.) BSA - approved unanimously

c.) Vista-poolooza catering and new computers for Rep room- approved unanimously

New Business

a.) Science Club Appropriation read

Announcements

- Feb. 16th - BBC open House 8am -1 pm

- Feb 18th – SJMC 1st student short film festival 2-5pm.
- Feb.20th – SGA at Pines at 5 p.m.
- Feb. 28th – SGA Got Questions?****Postponed*****
- Feb. 21-24- South Beach Wine and Food Festival
- Feb. 23rd – Florida Campus compact
- Feb. 27th – U- wide Meeting
- Feb. 28- U- wide budget meeting
- March 5th- leadership speaker
- March 10-11th – FIU Day
- April 1st – Ralph Nader
- Open positions in SGA announce to peers
- Ingrid is going next Friday to visit Representative Anitere Flores to discuss state tuition for immigrant students and is working on a club called SWER (Students Working For Equal Rights)

Meeting adjourned at 5:59P.M