General Meeting Minutes 10.10.07

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In Attendance

Ms. Katiana S. Saintable, President
Ms. Cassandra Andrade, Vice President
Mr. Jonathan Doozan, Comptroller
Mr. David S. Fonseca, Community Relations & Environmental/ Affairs Director
Ms. Angela Thomas, Special Events Director
Ms. Yvette Casside, Representative At Large
Ms. Leslie Valentin, Hospitality Management Representative/ Speaker of the house
Ms. Judene Tulloch, Representative At Large
Mr. Miguel Alvarado, Academics Affairs Chair
Mr. Fabrice Octave, Student Services Chair
Ms. Mnar Muhareb, Clerk of Council/ Intern

Mr. Craig Cunningham, SGA Advisor

Absent

Ms. Stephanie Jacques, Chief of staff (excused)
Ms. Magalie Sintus, Executive Assistant (excused)
Ms. Ana Maria Silva, Internship Director (excused)
Ms. Daniela Ottati, Public Relations Director (excused)
Mr. Gabriel Labrador, Elections Commissioner (pending)
Ms. Kenasha Paul, Panther Power Director/ Director of Legislative Affairs (excused)
Ms. Rene Portillo, Graduate Representative (pending)
Ms. Rashida Cohen, Housing Representative (pending)
Mr. Shay L. Gray, Student Union Board Chair (excused)

Guests

David Rodriguez, Beacon Beat
Karty Pierre- Phillip, Student
Angeline Josephe, Student
Laura Torres, Intern
Ingrid Guerra, Intern
Michelle Souza, Intern
Debbie Brown, Intern
Alejandra Salgado, Intern
Sholom Neistein, Intern

Call to Order
The Biscayne Bay Campus’s Student Government Association held a General Meeting on the 10th of October 2007 in WUC room 155. The meeting was called to order at about 3:40 P.M. By President Katiana Saintable, who presided over the meeting.

Minutes Approval

The minutes of the last meeting that took place on the 3rd of October 2007 were reviewed and approved as corrected.

President’s Report ......................................................... Ms. Katiana Saintable

A. U.S Student Board Meeting
   1. Pressing for the Dream Act which the senate will vote on in November on the 15th.
   2. Educating Peers and Senate/ Representatives to support the Act.
B. On October 23rd, which is Rep Day, Interns Ingrid and Laura will get students to sign a petition
C. On the 27th of October there will be voting training for all student organizations from 8am- 5pm.
D. On the 18th of January University Park will host the U.S.S.A Board Meeting
E. On the 19th -21st of January Biscayne Bay Campus will host the U.S.S.A Board Meeting
F. Talk to E.M.P.A.S.S
G. PRASSA⇒Help with Posters and flyers

Vice President’s Report ......................................................... Ms. Cassandra Andrade

A. Guest on the 17th of October named Mitchell to discuss the Tallahassee budget cutting.
B. Social event today was canceled and rescheduled for next Wednesday at 2:30pm
C. General Meeting next Wednesday at 3:30 pm in WUC 155
D. Tri-Council Meeting Wednesday at 5:30 pm
   Issues that will be discussed: Opening lines of communication
   Overseeing the budget
   Fall/ Spring awards- themes, uniformity
   Parking Passes for vendors
   Requesting funding for the 151st entrance
E. 3rd of November, Day at the bay from 9am- 3pm
   1. 1st faculty, staff and SGA get together
   2. 12:30-3 pm Barbeque/ picnic and social hour
F. Rec center Grand opening
G. David’s shower head project
   1. Renewable energy fee
   2. Presentation
H. Voter registration campaign
I. Restruction/executive Assistant
   1. 13 applicants left to view
J. 16th of November- FSA
K. 15th of November – Mock presidential candidates at FAU
L. South Campus⇒ Marketing materials, Door Materials and Wraps
M. 12th of January⇒ MLK Weekend with Service that Monday

Special Events Report ......................................................... Angela Thomas
A. REC Center
B. Opening of fitness center

Advisors Report ......................................................... Craig Cunningham
A. Etiquette Dinner
   1. Tickets now available bring $20 check that will only be deposited if you don’t show up.
   2. Professional speaking
B. Environment Essay Contest
   1. Submit by video, PowerPoint, etc
   2. Due December 27.
   3. 50th year student conservation community
4. Let SGA know if you go for it so you can have support
C. Diversity Day – Turning away from hate
   1. October 18th 2007, 10 am-3:30pm
   2. In WUC and displays in Panther Square
   3. Speaker → TJ Leyden (former Neo Nazi)
   4. Put out Posters and use word of mouth, theater to fill up theater.
D. Spanish Monastery → Every Wednesday serves the homeless, Pick a day to volunteer
E. Email about Signature Diversity Fair Wednesday from 8am-5pm

Report ................................................................. Jonathan Doozan

A. Finance Meeting Last Tuesday
B. Over Town youth center
C. New computer mice in Wolf center
D. Polo shirts and Name tags
E. Students from intervarsity conference

Report ................................................................. Miguel Alvarado

A. Website
   1. Renewing and Making it more interactive
   2. Ask Roary
   3. Presidents corner
B. 28th of November, Coordinating SGA at Pines center Wednesday from 5-7pm
C. Panther Power went very well
D. Coalition of migrant workers → 1 more penny per pound
   1. Give PowerPoint presentation
   2. Freedom walk from downtown Miami to Burger King cooperation (9 mile walk)

Report ................................................................. David Fonseca

A. Day at the Bay
   1. Alejandra and Stephanie Call fish and wildlife
B. 12th of October Dr. Fernandez will be in the library at 11am
C. At 8am there will be a Univision interview on the Showerhead Project only
D. City of NMB was contacted
   1. Not interested in helping the univrsity with the recycling project because they are for not for schools or businesses.
E. Funding for recycling Project
   1. 8 week recycling competition
   2. Free posters and T. V advertising
   3. Recycle Mania

Report ................................................................. Leslie Valentin and Judene Tulloch

A. Rep. Meeting → October 23rd
   T-shirts after elections
   Meeting time will be after general meetings every other Wednesday. The next meeting is
Wednesday October 17th.
B. Rep. Day → 1st in hospitality Management
   2nd in wolf center
   Panda Express catering
   Satellite hours
C. Community hours
   1. October- habitat for humanity
   2. November- Camilla’s house/ Spanish Monastery
3. December- Toys for tots
D. University wide goal
   1. Opening communication at South campus
E. Halloween horror nights group discounts on 20 people or more
F. Belongings in office taken
   1. Don’t leave things around
   2. Office occupied from 8:30 am to 7pm
   3. When no one is at the front desk only go in if you have permission
G. names for one on one evaluation
H. Sponsors of council bill reading

New appointments

1.) Mnar Muhareb- self presented for appointment as Clerk of Council. Let Ms. Muhareb’s Start date be recorded for October 10, 2007 with a salary of 1,100.

Up coming events
October ➔ 12th fitness center opening at 10:30 am
   E board meeting
      13th 8:30 am with Sharron
      16th-17th rep. elections
      18th Diversity day
      19th-21st Retreat
      24th Etiquette Dinner
      27th electoral action training (mandatory for SGA and interns)
November ➔ 3rd Day at the bay
      28th SGA at pines center

Meeting Adjourned at 5:03pm