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Florida International University

Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & Pines Center

MINUTES SGA General Meeting 10/17/2007

In Attendance

Ms. Katiana S. Saintable, President
Ms. Cassandra Andrade, Vice President
Mr. Jonathan Doozan, Comptroller
Ms. Stephaine Jacques, Chief of Staff
Ms. Ana Maria Silva, Internship Director
Mr. David S. Fonseca, Community Relations & Environmental/ Affairs Director
Ms. Angela Thomas, Special Events Director
Mr. Gabriel Labrador, Elections Commissioner
Ms. Kenasha Paul, Panther Power Director/ Director of Legislative
Ms. Yvette Casside, Representative At Large
Ms. Leslie Valentin, Hospitality Management Representative/ Speaker of the house
Mr. Miguel Alvarado, Academic Affairs Chair
Ms. Rashida Cohen, Housing Representative
Mr. Fabrice Octave, Student Services Chair
Ms. Mnar Muhareb, Clerk of Council

Mr. Craig Cunningham, SGA Advisor

Absent

Ms. Judene Tulloch, Representative At Large
Ms. Magalie Sintus, Executive Assistant (excused)
Ms. Daniela Ottati, Public Relations Director (excused)
Ms. Rene Portillo, Graduate Representative
Mr. Shay L. Gray, Student Union Board Chair

Guests

Sholom Neistein, Intern
Ingrid Guerra, Intern
Alejandra Salgado, Intern
Laura Torres, Intern
David Rodriguez, Beacon Beat
Nancy Hershoff, Library
Toni Downs, Library
Michelle Souza, Intern
Evonnia Dominguez, Intern
Natalie Vera, Panther Power Vice President
Christian Wehner, Intern
Karty Pierre- Phillip, Student
Voltaire P. lyrius, Library
Angeline Josephe, Student
Michelle Souza, Intern
Debbie Brown, Intern

Melissa Douge, Student
Nicky Fuller, Intern

Call to Order

The Biscayne Bay Campus's Student Government Association held a General Meeting on the 17th of October 2007 in WUC room 155. The meeting was called to order at about 3:43 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.

Guest SpeakerMaja Bon Schmeling
She talked about the etiquette dinner tickets that are available in career services. It is free for FIU students if they show up after making a \$20 deposit. FIU Faculty, Staff, Alumni and anyone else in the community will have to pay the \$20 and not receive the refund. There will be a guest speaker and it will be from 6pm to 8:30pm on the 24th.

President's Report Ms. Katiana Saintable

- A. President Saintable announced that elections were still going on in Ac1 on the first floor and that the council will be walking over there after the meeting.
- B. She also wanted to thank everyone who came to the open house and mentioned the Fitness center grand opening that takes place on Friday Oct. 12. .
- C. She spoke about planning the "Time Capsule" the Saturday of the Day at the Bay event on November 3rd.
- D. She also stated that the Friday E-board meeting went very well and that Peer Advisor and Panther Camp Counselors applications were now available.

Vice President's Report Ms. Cassandra Andrade

- A. The meeting at the library which Miguel and Jonathan also attended was productive.
- B. Ms. Andrade also announced that the C-Store will now be open until 9 pm (Ms. Owles is looking for small snacks and coffee for studying students.)
- C. Ms. Andrade also announced that Miguel will be meeting with the New York Times and the Library and that there is a new focus group for library users that needs more than SGA members and wants to get reports on what students enjoy reading.
- D. Scott Kass is working with SGA: Door wraps for the library.
- E. The cafeteria dollar menu needs help in marketing to students. It has health items like Kashi and cereal and if it goes well we can get more in such as kosher items.
- F. Our Guest Michelle Palacio is stuck in traffic and will have to reschedule.

Advisors Report..... Craig Cunningham

- A. Mr. Cunningham spoke of the importance of being there for Diversity Day and of the exhibits in Panther square and for volunteers to meet in hml10 to setup for the event.
- B. Next Tuesday at 2pm the State Department's Diplomats will be doing an info session

Report Jonathan Doozan

- A. Mr. Doozan spoke about the finance committee meetings and of purchasing more key pins.
- B. He also mentioned the international careers expo in November on the 13th through the 18th which offers internships and was helped in funding by Sergio, UP Comptroller, and Matilda who did the budget.
- C. Sergio also formed a committee to setup guidelines for the ACB account which the committee will be able to use later on.
- D. He also mentioned a reduction in the Florida Student association fee.

Report..... Stephanie Jacques

- A. She Talked about November 3rd being the Day at the Bay and that the flyers were up. The last day to sign up to volunteer was the 26th of October.

Report..... Leslie Valentin

- A. The Rep day meeting today was canceled and rescheduled for the day after Rep day Oct. 23rd.
- B. She needs people to volunteer at the HM patio and in Panther Square.
- C. Ms. Valentin would also like a Representative to attend the Habitat for Humanities info session on the 25th of October at 6 p.m

Report.....Kenasha Paul

- A. Ms. Paul announced that the Panther Power kickoff party was canceled and rescheduled for the 8th of November and made to the jumping off party.
- B. On the 16th of November there will be a power-up day and there I planning for a mascot day for all mascots.
- C. Mandatory for SGA to be there to help with student votes and there is work to be done for education voter day. Elections are on the 11th of November.
- D. she also spoke about the Miami board meeting needing volunteers to inform clubs about U.S.S.A in order to gain university support toward electoral training.

→ New Business – postpone new council bill for the next meeting.

Up coming events

- October→16th → Intern activity by Ana and Evonnia
- 18th→ Diversity Day
- 19th-22→Intern Retreat
- 23rd→ Rep day and FYE open night mic
- 24th→ Etiquette dinner and class room visits
- 26th→ Hispanic concert
- 27th→ electoral action training (mandatory for SGA and interns)
- November→ 3rd→ Day at the bay
- 28th→ SGA at Pines Center

Meeting Adjourned at 4:36pm