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Florida International University

Student Government Council
Office of the President

Student Government Council: 6-23-94 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 3:40 by President Abramson.

Roll Call:

Council Members

Brian Abramson, President
Jason Feldstein, Vice President
Whit Hollis, SGC Advisor

Cori Basulto
Steve Benen
Melanie Bent
Arthur Papillon
Richard Williams
Andrew Verhunce
Guerda Jean-Baptiste

Liz Jacobi
Kirill Reznik
Javier Delgado
Mimmo Sollazzo
Kathy Dennis
Brian Yaden

Guests

Helen Ellison
Lamar Conness
Nakisha Armbrister

Dan Lifshultz
Claudine Gayle

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Steve Benen and seconded by Jason Feldstein to approve the minutes from the June 9, 1994 S.G.C. meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Bran Abramson asked for Certificate of Appreciation nominations. Vanessa Higgins was nominated by Guerda Jean-Baptiste. John Hall was nominated by Steve Benen. Maike was nominated by Kathy Kennis.

Brian pointed out that the Work Station directly across from his office will be used by the Student Services Committee and the Work Station next to the window will be used by Academic Affairs Committee. Further, the third Work Station will be for the general use of S.G.C.

It was also pointed out that FSA volunteers would be needed. Also, Brian reminded the Council members that they must join a standing committee.

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Vice-President's Report: Jason mentioned that the Environmental Health Agency would be spraying for mosquitos by Housing.

He also mentioned that the housing volleyball court needs to be refurbished.

Student Services Report: Arthur stated that the new parking lot is now open. Arthur reminded everyone that Orientation will start on Friday 6-24-94. He also mentioned the Sewer problem. He also stated that there have been complaints about the current book buy back and resale by the Bookstore. It has also been brought to Arthur's attention that the current Parking Lot meter limits are not sufficient.

Academic Affairs Report: Cori has nominated Dan Lifshultz for the position of Academic Affairs Committee Secretary and he has accepted.

Old Business: Everyone was reminded that S.G.C. registered voters could take a class to become Registrars in order to register more people to vote for the Ad-Valorem tax initiative. People are going to meet in the Housing community room on Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. to go to the Government Center to take the class to become registrars.

Mimmo Sollazo stated that a letter is needed which states the F.I.U. N. Campus needs the the best speaker can be sent here.

Yolene Thelusma will be the liason between the Red Cross and the Student Government Council.

The Budget was then discussed. The main debate was over the purpose of the University Center Programming Committee (UCPC). Guerda also questioned the amount of money allocated to the S.O.C. for travel and also she feels the S.O.C. needs more money to handle the new organizations coming to this campus.

A motion was made by Liz Jacobi and seconded by Cori Basulto to approve the proposed budget as amended.

After the discussion was over, the President called the question. The vote passed with 7 people for the motion, Guerda Jean-Baptiste voted against, and Javier Delgado, Arthur Papillon, Cori Basulto and Richard Williams each abstained. The motion passed 7 to 1 to 4.

New Business: It was pointed out that there will be five new majors in the School of Business when the Fall 1994 semester begins. Brian Abramson then asked the Council if he could make a statement of the S.G.C.'s opposition to the proposed site of an amphitheatre near the N. Miami campus. A motion was made and seconded to that effect with three abstentions.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.