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# Student Government Council

## MINUTES

September 30, 1992

-Pre-meeting discussion beginning at 7:16 p.m.

-Meeting was called to order by Zachary Burton at 8:25 p.m.

1) ROLL CALL:

Zachary Burton	Thomas Imfeld (EX)	Kurt Diener
Sandy Thomas (EX)	Justin Peart (L)	Marion Gervin
Juan Carlos Freyre	Rainier Gonzalez	Alfredo Jurado
Juan Carlos Perez	David Perdomo	Robert Martinez
Charlie Andrews	Patrick N. Pizarro (AB)	Frank Sacasa (AB)
Roger Sarris (EX)	Barbara Viniegra (EX)	John Suarez (AB)
Jim Emery		

2) NO PLEDGE

3) CORRECTIONS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Eleazar- the business cards are an additional \$200.
- Rainier- within the report of Zachary Burton, letter C, it was written that Rainier said it was a law. He said it was not a law.

4) REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND SENATORS:

- A. Jim Emery - representative from the College of Health.
  - 1) Wants to aid the students that live between South Dade and West Palm Beach by working something out with the Transit System of Dade County. He declared that it is very expensive for the students to get around and attend the University due to this system. J.C. Freyre suggested that he speak to Vice President Rodriguez and work something out with him.
  - 2) Has been working on the United Project and has from 80 to 100 students that are helping him out within the Department of Health and with the minority and handicap project. Zac asked him to find out all the facts in reference to the Transit System and to set a foundation.
- B. Juan Carlos Perez - representative from the College of Business Administration. The groups in reference to the Student United Project must be formed by the second week of October.
- C. Katherine Perez - Community Service Chairperson.
  - 1) Would like to get FIU to participate in the Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL). It is a year long commitment, and a letter has to be sent to the national office with nine signatures from the representatives. A \$45 check must be included to cover the cost of the materials needed to start the program. It would

strengthen and promote the ongoing community services that our community deserves. 2) Would like to attend "Challenge and Change" - a community service workshop which will be held at UM on Oct. 24. The cost is \$10. 3) Sandy Thomas asked her to head the SGA Freshmen Orientation on Oct. 16 from 9-11 a.m. Needs six representatives to attend as well as the President. Zac suggested to write memos asking them to participate. 4) Rainier and Katherine held a meeting on Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. for the freshmen interested in SGA. Eight individuals attended and they are interested in working with the Vote America Project. The budget report for this project will be turned in on Oct. 9.

D. J.C. Freyre - representative from the College of Arts and Sciences. 1) Met with Dr. Parker on the Environmental Committee. Working to put together an Environmental Vision FIU. This is a plan that would include faculty, staff, and students working together to develop an environmental master plan that would work for the next 100 years. 2) Idea for an SGA Grove - this would be tree planting in between the GC, OE, CP, and a fourth building, but it has to first be passed by the Landscape Committee. It would be a completely shaded area.

E. Marion Gervin - representative At Large. 1) Reminder that pictures for SGA will be on Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. in AT 139. 2) Printing our budget so that the students know where our money is going and how we are spending it. This would set a strong precedent.

- Juan Carlos Perez: new visions for the United Students Project. Idea on how to unite the students - start promoting the mentality of competition with UM. Competition will bring pride. We are ahead of them in many aspects.
- Eleazar Gonzalez: the problem we are having at FIU is that we have no rivals. Some students have said that they do not want to begin this rivalry between FIU and UM because it would upset UM. Need to promote spirit and rivalry.
- Zachary Burton: Academic point of view - we need to begin to advertise in The Beacon. Ex. one page from each college comparing it to other Universities and their colleges. But if one of our colleges is doing poor, then we won't publish it.
- Eleazar Gonzalez opposes the use of The Beacon. Why pay \$520 for a full page or \$260 for a half a page to do this?

- Marion Gervin stated that it is only \$740 for quarter page in the Miami Herald.
- Zac does not want a corner page! Wants the students to open the newspaper and notice it right away.
- Marion - we need not only FIU students, but the student of So. Fla. to see how much better we are than UM. That is why it would be wiser to advertise in The Miami Herald. Zac agrees,
- Eleazar - 1. License plates. 2. Needs a volunteer for the "FIU Volunteer Day" to organize it and go down to Homestead with SOS and SOC. 3. Binders - military fashion. There will be two different binders in the SGA office. In the first place, each organization must turn in a memo describing what they have done or are planning to do. This will go in the binders, and any representative will have the chance to read any of the memos. This way all will be better informed on what is going on. 4. Introduced Isabel the permanent reporter from The Beacon. 5. Needs that the President send out memos to all organizations asking them to turn in their expenditure reports. 6. A student declared that he was charged \$5 when he went to the UM library. UM library was built on state money. Eleazar was informed that this issue was discussed at Visions '92. 7. It is offensive to him and to the Cubans that the pro-Castro speaker is allowed to come to FIU and speak. Ex. You would not bring Nazis to speak to the Jews, and you do not bring the Ku Klux Klan to speak to the blacks. So why allow this pro-Castro individual to speak here?
- J.C. Freyre - states freedom of speech.
- Rainier objects to the fact that this was kept quiet until two day ago, and that Dr. Lunsford was asking individuals to keep this quiet. Said that the handouts that were posted around the campus stated that this event is sponsored and endorsed by SGA. It was cleared that the handout does not say "sponsored."
- Eleazar objects to Zac introducing the speaker. He believes a Cuban should make the introduction because Zac does not represent the Cubans.

5) REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD:

A. President - Zachary Burton:

- Need two student representatives and alternate members to participate in the University Commencement committee. If interested speak to Zac before Friday. Very serious

issue.

- Will write a memo that will state when the meetings will be held and at what time.

- There will no longer be allowed any discussion during the meetings. Any and all lobbying should and will be done outside the meeting. The only thing that will be allowed at the meetings is what is on the agenda; except in extreme cases. Everything that will be on the agenda must be turned in by Friday. The meetings will be cut and there should be an increased effort on inviting students to sit in the meetings. We should and will look professional. Rainier asked why invite students then if they will not understand what goes on. Zac responded that our agenda is going to be published and they will get a copy. Make this an organized machine.

- Any projects need to turn in report by Friday, as well. Need update on what has accomplished, has done, or what is planning to do. Even if has done nothing, need a paper stating this.

-Goals - 1. Find parking/dorm parking for visitors; 2. Library facilities - tag periodicals, photo copy machine costs, video tapes of all events by SPC, SGA, and other school events; 3. At SPC events, have SGA shirts, shirt designs - \*Logo; 4. Carpet Pit area! Sofas, tables, satellite dish, TV's and automated information both at pit; 5. Directory with SGA logo; 6. Bulletin Boards, \* Events calendar in every building; 7. Student Phone Centers; 8. SGA welcome sign to Graham Center on each wall; 9. Have AMA find out what students want; 10. Alternative student SECURITY; 11. Full page SPC events calendar. Where to pick up tickets; 12. Full page add of athletics events. Where to pick up tickets.; 13. Beacon, FIU Panther Signals and Cheers contest; 15. Beacon prices are to high for student organizations. More goals: assisting engineering and design; having a U.S.P. Pep Rally to promote school spirit; individual school recognition such as at Homecoming; individual graduate library facility; a cleaner campus (environmental); Alumni Base Reports (for the individual departments); fundraising campaign; increasing the library hours; do things with and for the students; Greek Alliance; increase student awareness; amphitheater; forums for constituents; better relations with the administration; suggestion box; and collecting data for the Fall registration.

- Right now we do not have a chant. We need one.

- Rainier stated that Zac is given very lengthy reports, asked as a favor to please cut them down.

- There will be a meeting with Morgan on the license plates. Reps who will attend - Juan Carlos, Jim, Justin Alfredo, Kurt, and Rainier.
- Zac feels that we need to write a letter stating how sorry we are feel about the hurricane. Robert opposes this and does not feel that we need this because it already occurred and why bring it up again.
- Need to work out a system with the secretaries.
- Marian - should run ad about the murders and how there was increased security due to the murder.
- Rainier believes that we should have letter on the hurricane regardless of how long ago it occurred because we are here to serve the students.

6) OLD BUSINESS: None.

7) NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to open the Junior Secretary Position by Juan Carlos Perez. Seconded by Rainier Gonzalez. No objections. MOTION PASSED.
- Motion to hire O.P.S. secretary to take care of the Minutes by Juan Carlos Perez. Seconded by Rainier. MOTION PASSED.
- Motion to print "Miami's Real University" on license plates by Juan Carlos Perez. Seconded by Rainier. MOTION PASSED.
- Motion to appoint three students to the Lecturer's Committee by Juan Carlos Perez. Seconded by Rainier. Rescinded. Clarification - only need 3 representatives on this committee: Rainier, Roger, and Marion. Seconded by Rainier. MOTION PASSED.
- Motion to buy cheapest camcorder to tape any events by SGA, SOC, SPC by Zachary Burton. Also, SGC meetings and the students organizations will have access to it. Any student will be allowed to come and view the tapes. Seconded by Kurt. Discussion followed. Bring to the table - seconded by Rainier. Tabled.
- Motion to hire O.P.S. to go around with a cart each Thursday serving doughnuts and coffee in the Pit area by Zachary Burton. Noboby seconds this motion. MOTION FAILED.

8) ADJOURNMENTS:

- Motion to adjourn by Rainier Gonzalez. Seconded by Charlie. MOTION PASSED.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. by Zachary Burton.

**• President •**

Zachary Burton	X								
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**• Vice President •**

Sandy Thomas	EX								
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**• College of Arts & Sciences •**

Juan Carlos Freyre	X								
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**• College of Business Administration •**

Juan Carlos Perez	X								
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**• College of Education •**

Charlie Andrews	X								
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**• College of Engineering •**

Roger Sarris	EX								
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**• College of Health •**

Jim Emery	X								
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**• Graduate •**

Thomas Imfeld	EX								
Justin Peart	L								

**• Lower Division •**

Rainier Gonzalez	X								
David Perdomo	X								
Patrick N. Pizarro	AB								
Barbara Vinlegra	EX								

**• At-Large •**

Kurt Diener	X								
Marlon Gervin	X								
Shedrick Grimsley									
Alfredo Jurado	X								
Robert E. Martinez	X								
Frank Sacasa	AB								
John Suarez	AB								

**A-Against AB-Absent Ab-Abstain EX-Excused F-In Favor L-Late OB - Official Business P-Past**