Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
Council of Student Organizations
New Organization and Emergency Funding Meeting

Date: September 12, 2011
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Building: Student Union
Room: Palmetto Palm

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**
   
   a) The meeting was called to order by COSO Director at 1:13pm.

2. **Roll Call:**

   - Academic Council Chair: **Present**
   - Greek Council Chair: **Present**
   - Graduate Council Chair: **Vacant**
   - Multicultural Council Chair: **Vacant**
   - Special Interest Council Chair: **Present**
   - Sports Council Chair: **Present**
   - Ways and Means Chair: **Absent**

   With 4 Executive Board members present we have quorum to move forward with business.

3. **Approvals:**

   Approvals of the Council Chairs:

   - Academic Council Chair Josh presented himself, no questions were asked. Director opened the floor to approve Josh as the Academic Council Chair. Majority approval by all Organizations Present.

   - Greek Council Chair Naria presented herself, no questions were asked. Director open the floor to approve Naria as the Greek Council Chair. Majority approval by all Organizations Present.

   - Special Interest Council Chair A.J. presented himself, no questions were asked. Director open the floor to approve AJ as the Special Interest Council Chair. Majority approval by all Organizations Present.
- Sports Council Chair Conrad presented himself, no questions were asked. Director open the floor to approve Conrad as the Sports Council Chair. Majority approval by all Organizations Present.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion was made to approve the agenda by the Academic Council and Seconded by Special Interest Council.

4. **Council Reports:**
   - Academic Chair: There is a USB here for everyone with COSO documents stored on it.
   - Greek Council: Reported that CPA recruitments went well and to not forget the September 24th Leadership Conference.

   ➢ Director of COSO made the motion to admit all members and Special Interest Council seconded the motion. Ways and Means Chair was then admitted.

   - Special Interest Chair: No Report
   - Sports Chair: No Report
   - Ways and Means Chair : No report

5. **New Business:**

   **New Organization Funding**

   **Owl Rangers**
   Andrew Hackett, the president of Owl Rangers, which is a new spirit club here at FAU, requested $210 for member tank tops and $127.99 for koozies which will serve as school spirit incentives.
   Council Chairs ask questions: Academic Chair asked will the koozies be distributed at the first game, Andrew Hackett said yes.
   Special Interest Chair asked will the tank tops be only for members, Andrew Hackett responded that it will be not only for members but also used as promotional giveaways.
   Greek Chair asked if there was a game plan when the $500 allocated to them is no longer available, Andrew Hackett stated that there will be a membership fee of $25 per member. Academic Chair made a motion to allocate $340 to Owl Rangers and was seconded by the Special Interest Council Chair

   - Academic Chair: Yes
   - Greek Chair: Yes
   - Special Interest: Yes
   - Sports Chair: Yes
   - Ways and Means: Yes

   With 5 Yes, 0 No and 0 Abstain, COSO will be funding Owl Rangers $340
**Alpha Omega Epsilon:**
Tabatha Savage, Vice President of the academic sorority, would like to be allocated the full amount for their upcoming recruitment week, sending members to their conference, and some study sessions they will be hosting where food will be served.
Special Interest asked why $6,000 was requested if they are only allowed $500? Tabatha Savage stated she did not know why the treasurer put that amount and that she was here because she was the only one available at the time.
Greek Chair asked if there were any membership dues within the chapter. Tabitha Savage stated that dues did exist but it was not as much as other sororities. It was only about $50.
There was confusion as far as Alpha Omega Epsilon being a Greek organization or an Academic organization due to the fact that on the application request it was stated that they were Greek. COSO Director had to clarify that for the purposes of COSO she is actually under the Academic council as they are not CPA member.
Academic Chair asked if the events they will be hosting only for engineer majors or for the FAU community. Tabatha Savage responded that some are open to the public while others are not.
There was a discrepancy and how much money exactly should be given to Alpha Omega Epsilon. Greek Chair thought it would be fit to just allocate money for their recruitment week since it is happening next week. Greek Chair also asked Tabatha Savage how much money she thinks they will need for their recruitment week and Tabatha Savage stated $100.
Academic Chair made a motion to allocate $100 to Alpha Omega Epsilon and was seconded by the Special Interest Council Chair

- Academic: Yes
- Greek: Yes
- Special Interest: Yes
- Sports: Yes
- Ways and Means: Yes

*With 5 Yes, 0 No and 0 Abstain, COSO will be funding Alpha Omega Epsilon $100*

**Emergency Funding:**

**SAC:**
Martha Brown, the president, states that due to some crisis they were not able to hand in the necessary paperwork for funding and that is the reason why they are asking for $600 in emergency funding for their Annual Research Symposium.
Special Interest Chair asked if this final cost is with the exemption of the tax break that COSO provides. Martha Brown stated that she believes so since she does not see any taxes being asked for in the quota.
Greek Chair asked if the vendor was an approved vendor by FAU. Martha Brown stated they were exempt from using Chartwells since their event will be held at FAU High School.
Special Interest Chair asked how the symposium will help the FAU community. Martha Brown stated that the symposium is made for FAU students to showcase the research that they have done. This is beneficial for these students because they will get to show the
hard labor they have been putting into their research and can also encourage others to showcase their hard work.

Special Interest Chair also asked how the event will be marketed. Martha Brown expressed that they will be promoting it through the MyFAU announcements as they have done with a lot of other events and have found it to be a successful tool. They will also consider promoting by posting flyers in the most populated areas on campus to promote the event.

Special Interest Chair made a motion to allocate the $600 and was seconded by the Academic Chair

- Academic: Yes
- Greek: Yes
- Special Interest: Yes
- Sports: Yes
- Ways and Means: Yes

With 5 Yes, 0 No and 0 Abstain, COSO will be funding SAC $600

**Disciples on Campus:**

Asking for funding $153.54 for the Bible Study Extravaganza the idea is to spread the club of DOC

Academic asked if this amount was for weekly meeting. DOC representative said that it was not for their weekly meetings but for the Bible studies they host weekly, which is open to FAU students in the campus ministries room.

Greek asked if two (2) pizza pies would be enough to feed everyone, what if 30 people come to the event. DOC representative stated that the campus ministries room only holds about 15 people, so even though they would like 30 people to show up they decided on how many pies to buy depending on the amount of people that can fit in the room.

Special Interest asked how this will be good for the FAU community; they stated that this is for anyone who would like to learn about the bible.

Sports Council Chair motioned to allocate $155 and seconded by the Ways and Means Chair

- Academic: Yes
- Greek: Yes
- SI: Yes
- Sports: Yes
- Ways and Means: Yes

With 5 Yes, 0 No and 0 Abstain COSO will be funding DOC $155.00.

**6. Club House Approvals**

**Work Station Space:** Executive Board needs to approve the work station space and locker space. It has been agreed upon that if one organization is granted the work station space they cannot be granted locker space.

The chair of the meeting, the COSO Director, had provided the Council Chairs time to review all applications prior to the meeting. The Council Chairs have closely looked over the applications and answers to all questions regarding usage of space, reasons why
space should be granted, whether or not organizations have other space on campus to utilize, etc. It was the general consensus of the Executive Board that all organizations that have applied should have work station or locker space in the new Club House.

Caribbean Student Association
Academic: Yes
Greek: No
Special Interest: No
Sports: Yes
Ways and Means: Yes

College Republicans
Academic: Yes
Greek: Yes
Special Interest: Yes
Sports: Yes
Ways and Means: Yes

Film Club
Academic: Yes
Greek: Yes
Special Interest: Yes
Sports: Yes
Ways and Means: Yes

Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students
Academic: Yes
Greek: Yes
Special Interest: Yes
Sports: Yes
Ways and Means: Yes

Owl Rangers
Academic: Yes
Greek: Yes
Special Interest: Yes
Sports: Yes
Ways and Means: Yes

**Locker Space:**

The organizations that have been granted work station space will not be granted locker space in order to assure that a multitude of different organizations are able to utilize the space.
**Alpha Psi Lambda Co-Ed Latin Fraternity, Inc.**
Academic: Yes  
Greek: Yes  
SI: Yes  
Sports: Yes  
Ways and Means: Yes

**Caribbean Student Association**
Academic Chair: No  
Greek Chair: Yes  
Special Interest: No  
Sports: No  
Ways and Means: No

**Catch the Fire**
Academic: Yes  
Greek: Yes  
Special Interest: Yes  
Sports: Yes  
Ways and Means: Yes

**Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students**
Academic: No  
Greek: No  
Special Interest: No  
Sports: Abstained  
Ways and Means: Yes

**Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.**
Academic: Yes  
Greek: Yes  
Special Interest: Yes  
Sports: Yes  
Ways and Means: Yes

**Traditional Gaming Club**
Academic: Yes  
Greek: Yes  
Special Interest: Yes  
Sports: Yes  
Ways and Means: Yes

**The Gems**
Academic: Yes  
Greek: Yes  
Special Interest: No
Sports: Yes
Ways and Means: Yes

VOX: Voice For Planned Parenthood
Academic: Yes
Greek: Yes
Special Interest: Yes
Sports: Yes
Ways and Means: Yes

*Emails will be sent out within the next week to respond to all these applicants. Everyone that applied for space was allocated it for the Club House. Since there is still room available in the Club House it was decided that the applications be submitted on a rolling admission basis and will be approved at every New Organization/Emergency Funding Meeting for the duration of the fall semester.*

7. **Open Forum:**
   No one for open forum

8. **Final Roll Call:**
   Academic Chair: Present
   Graduate Council Chair: Vacant
   Greek Council Chair: Present
   Multicultural Council Chair: Vacant
   Special Interest Council Chair: Present
   Sports Council Chair: Present
   Ways and Means Chair: Present

9. **Reminders**
   a) The next meeting will be on September 26 at 1:00pm in the Palmetto Palm Room in the Student Union.

10. **Adjournment**
   a) The meeting was adjourned by the Director of COSO at 2:10pm.