Florida Atlantic University MacArthur Campus  
Student Government House of Representatives  
Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2011  
The Burrow, MacArthur Campus  
Minutes by: Representative Maria Aitken

Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 2:19 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call

- Representative Aitken-Present
- Pro-Tempore Barghouthy-Absent
- Representative Gopaldas-Present
- Representative Lopez-Present
- Representative Ricketts-Present
- Speaker Smith-Present

Approvals

- Motion to strike Governor's Report from agenda by Representative Ricketts
  - 2nd by Representative Lopez
- Motion to approve agenda by Representative Gopaldas
  - 2nd by Representative Ricketts

Open Forum
Miss Alexa Robinson, member of gallery and President of Fencing Team, addressed the House regarding the use of WB-101. The Owlettes and the Fencing Team organizations have been unable to make use of the room because it is reserved for dog training exercises, yet it has mirrors that would be beneficial for the training of these organizations. Suggested that the House put forth a bill or resolution to help provide a room with mirrors for FAU MacArthur Campus organizations to use, such as for exercise classes held on campus, and for other uses as well.

Representative Ricketts discussed the budget issues involved in such an undertaking, and how expenses for this space would be evaluated and considered. Representative Gopaldas also raised a question about what space is currently being used by the Owlettes and Fencing Team, and Miss Robinson commented that SR 258 is used by the Fencing Team and SR 108 is used by the Owlettes. She continued on to suggest the use of the EC 101 or 102 rooms, and installing mirrors with a curtain to cover them so as to prevent class disruptions for the students and staff who use the classrooms during the day.

Advisor's Report:
- None
Governor Report
 None

Speaker’s Report:
 Speaker Smith: Representative Ricketts and Speaker Smith prepared the budget packets being discussed and voted on today. Representatives Gopaldas and Barghouthy, Nicole Henken, and Advisor Ferrando met and went through each line item and account in the packet as well. Stated that we are working to make sure that the Jupiter campus has money for the upcoming academic year.

New Business
The proposed budget for academic year 2011-12 was brought to the table. Budget chair Ricketts took the floor and advised the House that the Appropriations Committee voted on how much to allocate to the Jupiter Campus of FAU. All requests for monies were allocated.

He continued by commenting that Advisor Ferrando recommended a 5% increase to all areas. J01101 was increased for furniture and technology purchases, especially to be used in the renovations at the Jupiter Campus SGA office. J01104 received the conventional 5% increase. The House of Representatives account also received a 5% increase. Student Services was allocated $2500 for renovations and Northern Campus Achievement Awards. MSG and Marketing were given a greater than 5% increase, specifically a $59 increase for food, a $500 increase for furniture and equipment, and $100 increase for printing.

COSO (J01113) was allocated a $1500 increase from $15,000 to $16,000. COSO Administration (J01115) was allocated a 33% increase overall, with a 25% increase for programs, as well as a $500 increase for promotional items. SAVI (J01116) was increased in all line items, and was allocated more than 6% because funding was requested for t-shirts and more programs.

A book loan program was also allocated, with services in this program including books for students in good standing at the Jupiter campus. $2500 was allocated for this program for software support. Speaker Smith commented on a point of information regarding the program, specifically that it will cover books for core courses.

 Motion to recognize Miss Robinson in the gallery by Representative Gopaldas
  o 2nd by Representative Lopez

Miss Robinson raised the question of how was this new book program going to differ from the current program offered in the Bookstore for renting textbooks. Representative Ricketts replied that this new book program would be free of charge. Miss Robinson also asked for clarification of the meaning of MSG, and Representative Ricketts stated that this is an allocation for SGA Marketing for giveaways, food, and other items. Miss Robinson asked for confirmation of the COSO contingency of $1000, and Representative Ricketts replied that this amount was an estimate.

Speaker Smith commented that the OPS line item increase was described on page 5 of the report. He also mentioned that FAU Administration gave a 75 cent increase for all student workers and other staff paid by A&S fees earlier in the year. Representative Lopez had a
question regarding the number of pages in the budget packet, and was assisted by Representative Ricketts and Speaker Smith. Representative Ricketts read the proposed budget bill aloud for the House. No amendments were brought forth. Representative Ricketts questioned the grammatical correctness of one part of the bill, but Speaker Smith assured him that it was correct.

- Motion to submit bill to roll call vote by Representative Lopez
  - 2nd by Representative Gopaldas
- Representative Aitken-Yay
- Representative Gopaldas-Yay
- Representative Lopez-Yay
- Representative Ricketts-Yay
- Speaker Smith-Yay

The bill passed by a vote of 5-0 in favor. New business is closed.

Tabled Business
- None

Old Business
- None

Vetoed Business
- None

House Discussion
Miss Robinson requested clarification of what was meant by House "Club Report", and was told by Speaker Smith that it is a part of each House meeting in which the Representatives discuss ongoing events presented at various Jupiter Campus clubs' meetings.

Open Forum
- None

Next House Meeting
April 1, 2011 at 2:10 pm in SR 108.

Final Roll Call
- Representative Aitken-Present
- Pro-Tempore Barghouthy-Absent
- Representative Gopaldas-Present
 Representative Lopez-Present
 Representative Ricketts-Present
 Speaker Smith-Present

Adjournment

 Motion to adjourn by Representative Gopaldas
  o 2nd by Representative Lopez
 Meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.