Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
MacArthur Campus House of Representatives Meeting

Date: September 27, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Building: Student Resources Building
Room: SR 108

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
   a) The meeting was called to order by Governor Alex Lange at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call
   Aitken: Absent
   Gopaldas: Present
   Howard: Present
   Jones: Present
   Kaul: Present
   Lopez: Present
   Ngugi: Present

3. The 9/27 agenda was approved unanimously (moved by Representative Lopez, seconded by Representative Gopaldas).

4. Swearing In
   a) Governor Lange swore in the six House members present at the meeting.
      Representative Aitken will be sworn in at a later date.

5. Elections for House Speaker
   a) Nominations
      i. Representative Lopez nominated Representative Gopaldas
      ii. Representative Jones nominated himself
   b) Both candidates were allotted two minutes to give speeches to the assembly as to why they should be Speaker. Representative Gopaldas went first, followed by Representative Jones.
   c) Motion to Call the Question was moved by Representative Gopaldas and seconded by Representative Lopez.
   d) Roll Call Vote:
      i. Gopaldas: Gopaldas
      ii. Howard: Gopaldas
      iii. Jones: Jones
      iv. Kaul: Jones
v. Lopez: Gopaldas
vi. Ngugi: Gopaldas

e) By a 4 – 2 vote, Representative Gopaldas was elected Speaker of the MacArthur Campus House of Representatives

6. Advisor/Governor Report:
   a) Construction of the Burrow Student Union will begin the week of October 10th. The Student Government Offices will be relocated to the Student Services Office. The Burrow will still be open for students to use with certain limitations. Governor Lange and Advisor Ferrando will be working together to ensure that services are still provided to the standard which students have come to expect from our campus.

7. House Discussion
   a) Speaker Gopaldas spoke about the House’s contingency account ($2,920) and how it can be used. Chief Justice Scalise will be contacted about a Robert’s Rules of Order session to help better the House’s skills with parliamentary procedure. The Speaker will be reaching out to SAVI Director Norcini about getting involved with National Make a Difference Day on October 22nd. Schedules will be collected to determine the best meeting time for the House. The Speaker will also be looking for individuals to chair the Budget and Rules Committee as well as someone to serve as the Speaker Pro-Tempore.
   b) Representative Jones discussed a marketing idea for the House that he will be discussing with the facilities department.
   c) Representative Howard discussed the concern of some students about campus safety at night walking to and from parking lots. Speaker Gopaldas reminded members that the campus police are always available for students who are feeling uneasy about walking around campus at night. The House may explore the possibility about bringing back NightOwls.
   d) Club Reports:
      i. Ven Comigo Part One, sponsored by the Spanish Club, will be tonight at 8pm in SR 108.
      ii. Baron’s Business Club will be sponsoring practice tests in conjunction with Kaplan for the GRE, LSAT, and MCAT.
      iii. Feminist Student Alliance will be publishing the first issue of “The V” on October 3rd.

8. Final Roll Call:
   Aitken: Absent
   Howard: Present
   Jones: Present
   Kaul: Present
   Lopez: Present
   Ngugi: Present
   Gopaldas: Present
9. Meeting Adjourned at 6:45pm (moved by Representative Jones, seconded by Representative Lopez)