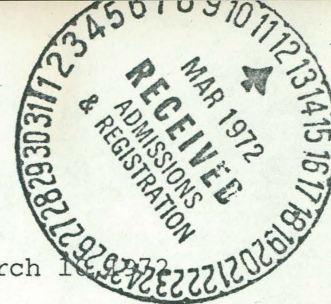


FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

M E M O R A N D U M



Mr. Butler

TO: STUDENT SERVICES COUNCIL

DATE: March 10, 1972

FROM: Ron Butler as submitted by Teddy Kassner

SUBJECT: Minutes of council meeting held March 10, 1972

PRESENT - Konkell, Hora, Fain, Gallagher, Blakely, Durr, Olander for Goodwin, Spence, Kassner
Butler, McDowell, Hardwick.

TOPICS - Orientation dates, student-activity fee distribution, governance.

ORIENTATION - Ron Butler relayed President Perry's request that the council suggest dates for student orientation. Suggested dates were the last four days of August and the first day of September, with two sessions held each day and each school or college having one full day for their program. The alternative suggestion, which the majority of the council members agreed with, is to hold orientation closer to the opening of school which is September 19, 1972. Thus, the days of Sept. 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, with a possible three-session schedule, the afternoon being for faculty, was recommended. The Library was suggested as a possible site for the program, as was the new Dade Youth Center.

STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES - Dean McDowell reported that certain functions must be supported by the fee (\$34.50 per quarter, paid only by full time students) as state funds do not cover them. Some of these functions are: bonding for a recreational complex, health services, athletic programs including intramural activities, and student union. A recent memo discussing allocation of the fee was not a recommendation but rather a review of how other state schools have handled distribution. As of now, \$9.00 of the fee is committed to recreational facilities. McDowell suggested that 4 to 5 dollars might go toward the student union with 6 to 9 dollars going toward health services. Fee distribution will be discussed again at a later meeting.

GOVERNANCE - Joe Olander, sitting in for Nancy Goodwin, brought the council up to date on suggested governance structure. A report from the governance committee to the university will be distributed shortly. As it stands now, the committee is going to recommend that the university be divided into four groups - non-academic professionals, faculty, students, and career service personnel. The University Council will be composed of five (5) persons from each group, elected from the representative group at large. The governance committee is in the midst of discussing minority and mission interest representation which might involve the addition of extra delegates to the Council. When forming their own structure, each group is to be guided by the principles of self determination, maximum participation in group activities and political decisions, and decentralization.

With the above as background, the following considerations were discussed. In talking with students on the Junior Campuses, Nancy and Joe found an almost unanimous dissatisfaction with the traditional methods of selecting student government representatives. To correct inequalities

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in representation and to provide a broader base for participation the Student Services Council generally felt that the students should be given their choice of governance structure but within a predetermined set of options. The goal is to have the student structure eventually reflect the profile of the student body as a whole. In turn, the council should reflect the profile of the university as a whole. Applying this aim to the students, it was suggested that they select their own grouping strategy which may be on the basis of divisions, departments, schools, age, part-time, full-time, etc. In addition, Dick Konkel challenged the notion of five representatives from each university group and the Student Services Council agreed that the governance committee give more thought to this aspect of the proposal.

The general feeling was that the governance committee should go further in setting up guidelines by which representatives are selected for University Council participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.