

## SGC-MMC Arts and Sciences Senator Chris Cabral's

### Final 2010 Fall Semester Report (September-December)

- Goals and Projects

-Among my primary goals for this semester was to get legislation passed that improved Transparency in SGA. The Transparency Act of 2010 did just that, by requiring future meetings be taped and the recordings posted online. Also, much progress was made in the way of surveys, with 113 survey responses collected thus far. Many had to be collected in person and input manually into Qualtrics.

- Committee Progress

-As a member of the operational Review committee, I am in the process of auditing from the Mult-Faith council, Radiate FM, and FIUSM.COM. I may also end up auditing the Beacon if no one else can. So far, I have gotten much relevant information from student media, and have been corresponding with the MFC treasurer, who promises to send me reams of documents by the end of December. However, since time is short, I may have to try to get information on their council through alternate means.

- Legislation

-The SGA Transparency Act of 2010 (principal author and one of many sponsors)

-Co-sponsor of various other bills already passed and in the works.

-Working on legislation to allocate funding for a student run theatre production at FIU, as well as bills relating to political parties, and the creation of a new special appropriations fund. I plan to meet with the Senator from the Arts and Architecture college on the Theatre issue.

-As far as ensuring the Senate complies with the Transparency Act, I need to see if the Senate chambers will be renovated in before the end of March. If not, we may need to file for funds for cheap video cameras/webcams so we can record the meeting. Worst case scenario, we can audio tape them, which can be done with any number of devices, including Ipods.

- Events and Meetings

-Met with Dean Furton on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2010, discussed upcoming events, problems with Moodle, proposed expansion of FIU, mold in Political Science Department among other things. I also met with him briefly in October and November, at the Strategic planning meeting. I have a meeting planned with him for December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

-Met with fellow Arts and Sciences Senators to discuss "Meet your Dean Event." Agreed to find a way to design flyers, help promote event. I am talking to someone I know who is skilled at graphic design to ensure the fliers look as good as possible.

-Spoke to several classes to collect survey responses.

#### Discretionary Budget Expenses

-No discretionary budget expenditures as of yet, but that should change soon with the Dean event looming and the possible need to purchase cameras for the meetings. I may also talk to the President or Vice President of SGA about the matter, as I hear they have large discretionary budgets, or at least, budgets which are larger than mine.