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## **Student Government report for the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board**

**July 13, 2006**

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It is my pleasure to be the newly elected President of the USF St. Petersburg Student Government. I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to speak, on behalf of the students, to the campus board. I am grateful to be in the position of a student leader in this time of growth for the university. This year we anticipate the inaugural year of the parking center one, the Residence Hall one, and being accredited by SACS. It is an exciting time for both the University and Student Government. I would like to share some of Student Government's plans for this upcoming academic year.

In June, the students were once again discontented when they found out Governor Bush vetoed the Bill for the Student Center. However, we plan to convene again and advance our efforts in pursuing this Center. We are very passionate about granting our students the opportunity to have the Student Center. I feel that it is imperative for both the students and the University to have such a center in order to accommodate the growing campus as we unfold into a mature university.

Student Government has completed its constitutional revisions. Changes include the following:

- Weekly meetings
- Greater delineation of member responsibilities
- Committee structure
- GPA requirement for the Executive Board raised to 2.5
- Structure to include Senate, Executive Board, and Judicial Branches

The Student Government Executive Board has been very active this summer. Starting this fall, Student Government will provide one hundred copies of the St. Petersburg Times a day for students. We will have two locations on campus at which students can pick up their papers. Student Government will also be sponsoring a fashion show for the Boys and Girls Club in August. The students felt that this was a creative way to reach out to the community.

Other tentative plans for the USF St. Petersburg Student Government include:

- Attending a six day Leadershape conference in Illinois at the end of July
- Enhancing Student Government and the University Experience by placing emphasis on involvement and student leadership opportunities

-Organizing, along with the Fitness and Intramural Coordinator, a new volleyball, tennis, or outdoor basketball court for our students' recreational purposes

-Attending a National student Government Conference in Washington, D.C. in September

-Organizing a Leadership retreat with the Harborside Activities Board in September

Again, I thank the board for giving me the opportunity to speak on the students' behalf. I look forward to this upcoming academic year, and reporting all the successes that we anticipate with Student Government and the University.

Thank you.