



## Homecoming

# 2011 Court Participation Package

Homecoming Week: September 25 – October 1

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August 26, 2011

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# Homecoming King and Queen Dates & Obligations

## July

- 6 Packets Released
- 20 Homecoming General Rules meeting, 5pm

## August

- 26 King and Queen Candidate Form Due at 5pm to GC 2214
- 26 King and Queen Candidate General Meeting at 6pm in GC 305

## September

- 4 Candidate Meeting/ Lip Sync Rehearsal at 6pm
- 10 Community Service Event at 8am- 2pm at BBC
- 11 Candidate Meeting/ Lip Sync Rehearsal at 6pm
- 18 Candidate Meeting/ Lip Sync Rehearsal at 6pm
- 21 Court Interviews between the hours of 8am - 5pm
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- 25 Concert
- 26 Pep Rally; Panther Prowl
- 27 Step Show
- 28 Variety Show
- 29 King/Queen Voting; HC dance
- 30 Lip Sync

## October

- 1 Parade  
Tailgate  
Game

# Homecoming Court Rules 2011

Before proceeding to read the following Court Rules, it is important that everyone acquaint themselves with the following definition:

**man-da-to-ry**: containing or constituting a command: OBLIGATORY

1. To be eligible for applying for the Homecoming Court, a student must meet the following requirements: Grades will be checked

- a. Posses a minimum **cumulative** GPA of 2.75.
- b. Be a full time FIU student currently registered for at least **9** credits undergraduate or **6** credits graduate.
- c. Be in good financial, judicial, and academic standing with the university.
- d. More than 50% of the nominee's enrolled credits must be on the campus for which they are representing.
- e. Be a Junior/ Senior/ Graduate student (completed 61-120+ credit hours).

**2. All candidates must be nominated by a registered team participating in at least two or more HC events. Teams cannot solely participate in t-shirt and banner contest.**

2. All interested nominees must complete the application with the required Homecoming Court Application and return it by August 26, 2011 at 5pm to the HC office.

3. Voting will take place in the GC computer lab & BBC AC1 Atrium on Thursday, September 29th from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM, **in addition to online voting through my.fiu.edu**.

4. All candidates are **REQUIRED** to attend the following events: Homecoming Pep Rally, Lip Sync, Community Service Event, Homecoming Football Game, Homecoming Dance and Step Show and Parade and the required candidate meetings. In the event that a candidate is unable to attend a particular event, they must give written notice to the Court Affairs Chairperson at least 48 hours in advance. Failure to attend 2 events will result in **automatic disqualification**.

5. All participants are **REQUIRED** to attend the Candidate's meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, weekly candidate/ Lip Sync training sessions on Sunday evenings and a candidate photo shoot that will be scheduled by the Court Affairs Chair.

6. The winners and runners from previous years may not run for King/Queen again.

7. SGA Representatives (President or Vice President) may not run for Homecoming King and Queen.

8. In an event of a tie, it will be up to the Court Affairs Chair, AD of Administration, Overall and the Advisor's discretion.

9. In promoting Parent/Family Weekend, each Candidate will be escorted by **one**

parent /family/ close family friend at the Homecoming Football Game for announcement.

10. The King and Queen will be announced during the halftime portion of the Homecoming Football Game, which is to take place on Saturday, October 1st.

11. The King and Queen Candidates are encouraged to remain in attendance for the remainder of game.

12. This is a time commitment. If you are applying please be aware of the commitments you are signing up for.

## **Responsibilities of 2011 Homecoming King/Queen**

1. Homecoming winners will be representing Homecoming Council and School Spirit until 2012 King and Queen are announced.
2. They will participate in next year's Homecoming as asked by the 2012 Homecoming Council.
3. Help facilitate & coordinate the Court Lip Sync performance the following year.
4. King and Queen should be expected to go to as many football games as possible wearing their crown and/or sash.
5. They must behave according to FIU Code of Conduct.
6. Winners may be asked to attend FIU events throughout the Fall and Spring Semester by the Homecoming Council.
7. Other responsibilities will be covered during your Court Meetings.

# Rules for Campaigning

1. Homecoming King/Queen elections will take place on September 29, 2011 from **10:00 AM until 6:00 PM in GC computer labs and BBC AC1 Atrium and on my.fiu.edu**
2. Anyone is permitted to campaign for any candidate but **only the candidate is allowed to pass out the Homecoming flyer.**
3. Candidates are permitted to actively campaign (passing out Homecoming King and Queen flyers on campus) on voting day.
4. Campaigning is allowed through social networking sites beginning on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 AM on MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, E-mail servers, and Orgsync. Campaigning on educational sites such as Blackboard and Moodle are NOT allowed. If found violating this policy, a violation will be served.
5. Personal computers and laptops may not be set up as an "ad hoc" polling station by any individual or team during the election. Students are not allowed to pass around any technological device for voting purposes. Any candidate found guilty of this doing so will be issued a violation.
6. Absolutely no bashing of other candidates or teams, if any Homecoming Council member becomes aware of this behavior there will be a violation issued. Bashing through word of mouth, internet sources and so forth are not accepted. There needs to be written proof of bashing in order to hold a candidate accountable.
7. For all other Violations:
  - 1st Violation = Warning
  - 2nd Violation = Disqualification
8. No promotional materials (shirts, posters, food, etc) are permitted **with the exception of the Homecoming flyer**, which will be provided by the Homecoming Council.
9. You are allowed ONE poster board (2'X 3') **to promote yourself and FIU.** The Homecoming Council has the discretion to deny posters if not voted as acceptable. It will be due to the Homecoming Council on Sept. 16th. If poster is turned in late or if exceeding size restraints, points will be deducted based on **two points** per day and **ten points** for exceeding size restraints. It will be displayed in the **GC pit** on voting day. **You cannot have a picture with council members, current candidate runners and past winners.**
10. Any violations must be presented in writing to the Homecoming Council using the complaint violation form attached to packet.
11. Any violations will be decided upon by the 2011 Court Affairs Chairperson, Rules and Regulations Chairperson, Assistant Director of Administration, the Overall Director, and the Advisor.

12. Candidates need to become friends with the Homecoming Council on Facebook and Twitter and if you make a Facebook group, the Court Affairs Chair, AD of Administration and Overall Director must be Administrators.

13. Remember that one of your main objectives is to promote FIU spirit – so do not forget to promote Homecoming Week events and the Homecoming game.

# **Interviews**

1. All candidates must interview on one of the set dates.
2. Candidates must be dressed in business attire.
3. Interviews will be conducted by a panel of faculty and/ or staff.
4. Interviews will be scored on a point-based evaluation sheet.
5. The Court Interviews will be in the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>- September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

# Community Service Project

9/11 Day of Service: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

1. All candidates are responsible for bringing **2 volunteers** with them to the community service project.
2. **All volunteers must be listed on Homecoming Roster that will be submitted on the first Court Meeting on August 26, 2011 at 6pm.**
3. The volunteers have to be affiliated with the team participating in Homecoming.
4. Volunteers **cannot** be signed up under two or more different candidates.
5. There is **no** campaigning during the community service project.
6. It is your responsibility to tell your volunteers to come in appropriate attire.
7. The points received for participating in this event **does not** go to the Homecoming Team. The points go to the Candidate who is running for King or Queen.
8. It is your responsibility to make sure that your volunteers behave appropriately throughout the community service event. Any violation of the **FIU Code of Conduct** will result in **ZERO ( 0 )** points for the day, and possible disqualification pending on the executive board decision.

# **Homecoming Candidate Lip Sync Performance**

**Friday, September 30, 2011, Blue and Gold Garages**

1. Homecoming King/Queen Participants must participate in the Lip Sync show **court performance** on Sept. 30th
2. Nothing shall be thrown into the audience.
3. Candidate performance must incorporate school spirit and FIU Homecoming Theme.
4. All participants must attend the MANDATORY rehearsal dates established by the Court Affairs Chairperson (see Dates & Obligations page)

# Attendance

1. All candidates are official 2011 Ambassadors for the promotion of school spirit. They are mandated to attend all Homecoming 2011 events that require the candidate to be presented to the audience and are strongly encouraged to attend all other events.
2. Candidates must **ONLY** check in with the Court Affairs Chairperson at all events to receive credit. It is your responsibility to locate Court Affairs Chair within 30 minutes of event.
3. All candidates are required to attend ALL the mandatory practices for the performance of Lip Sync.
4. Failure to attend mandatory events or miss meetings will result in loss of points. If habitual missing of meetings occurs it will result in disqualification, which is decided on by the Court Affairs Chair, AD of Administration, Overall Director, and the Advisor's discretion.

# Review of Points

Attendance:

<b>Events (10 pts each)</b>	<b>60 points</b>
<b>Meetings</b>	<b>20 points</b>

Total Possible points: 80

Voting:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> place</b>	<b>90 points</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	<b>80 points</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> onward</b>	<b>50 points</b>

Total Possible points: 100

Community Service Project:

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>50 points</b>
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Total Possible points: 50

Interview:

<b>Interview</b>	<b>70 points</b>
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Total Possible points: 70 points

## **Total Possible Points: 300 Points**

**Bonus**

Variety Show & Panther Prowl Attendance- 5 per event	10 extra points
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Notes:

- If poster is turned in late or does not meet specifications, points will be deducted.
- Remember to check in with Court Affairs Chair before each event and not more than 30 minutes after.



Florida International University  
HOMECOMING 2011  
If Roary Ran the Circus...  
King and Queen Application

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Panther ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Florida International University  
Grade Release Waiver

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that according to the Family Education Right to Privacy Act of 1974, my High School and College grades can be released to the FIU Office of Campus Life and members of my organization only with my written consent which I give below.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Name

Date

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I, the team representative, have read the King and Queen Rules and Regulations, and I agree as well as the team I am representing, to follow all rules set by the Homecoming Council. We understand that if we do not comply with the rules, our nominee may be disqualified.

Team Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Panther ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Representative's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be turned into the HC Office in GC 2214 by 5:00 pm Friday,

August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Direct any questions to Patricia Martinez at pmart018@fiu.edu



**Florida International University  
HOMECOMING 2011  
If Roary Ran the Circus...**

**Complaint Form**

**Your Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Represented:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Complaint and/or violation (Please include all details):**

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**I have read and understand the violation procedures. The above information that I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

All information will be kept in confidence, and should be emailed to the Court Affairs Chair  
Patricia Martinez at [pmart018@fiu.edu](mailto:pmart018@fiu.edu), no later than 24 hours after the incident occurred.