

**FIU****Student Government  
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The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
Date: February 5, 2024

- I. Call to Order  
    A. Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call

## Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Absent	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	
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Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present
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Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present
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<b>Quorum is Established</b>	Absent	7
	Vacant	12

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

A. none

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Salup sid starts motion to move S.B. 04 011 – Senate Town Halls to next meeting approved.

V. Invited Speakers

A. Maria Franzblau: member of YDSA, wants to call for a ceasefire in Gaza.

B. Danyel Yurkovitch: Says YSDA and other organizations have been discriminating against certain groups of jews, asks SGA to put an end to it.

C. Neha Ahmad: Says this is the first genocide where people praise the oppressor and hate towards the victim. Something needs to change.

D. Matthew Gaynor: Says Hamas opened fire on many people. Says this resolution has made Jews and Palestinians feel unwelcome.

E. Pedro Rodriguez: Not here

F. Zachary Levenson: not here

G. Norhan Saber: Supports ceasefire resolution. Says hate crimes have increased and the school has done nothing to make Arabs and Palestinians feel safe.

H. Harlan Ridkind: Concern about the effect the resolution will have on campus. Agrees Palestinians have the right to speak, but it is getting over the line. Says atmosphere this resolution brings only accomplishes separation.

I. Judith Chavarria: YDSA says that they want to find common ground, but the other side was not willing to discuss.

J. Ismael Columna Ramirez: Says Israel has done a campaign that has cost a lot of Palestinian lives. Sympathizes with jews and Palestinian. Wants YDSA and any others to speak to him to find common ground.

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- K. Joselyn Pena: VP of YDSA. Wants to call for ceasefire. Believes this resolution will help by becoming the first university of Florida to pass something like this and is the first step for change.
- VI. Public Forum
- A. Stone motions to bypass public forum, PASSED.
- VII. Committee Reports
- A. Appropriations Committee: Met on 25<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>, have approved 3 appropriations.
- B. Committee on Rules and Administration: met on 29<sup>th</sup>, approved 4 pieces of legislation, no meeting this week
- C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee: met last friday, did committee legislation to vote on, meeting on friday at 4pm on zoom.
- D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee: meeting tomorrow at 3:30pm.
- E. Health and Well-Being Committee: met last week, went over ideas activities, main focus was physical wellbeing. Kickboxing, self defense, financial wellness activities coming up and in the works. Will be getting more concrete info at next meeting
- F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee: Have not met
- G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee: meeting on thursday at 5:30pm. Will be meeting with housing directors. Going over how they will distribute welcome packages. Trying to send out survey to see what international students are lacking.
- VIII. Executive Board Reports
- A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton: Listening session on meeting with FIU administration on thursday at 3pm for SGA.
- B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle: Vacancy interview are still taking place, will be finalized next week. If anyone wants access to interview notes, let him know. Constitutional convention has been finalized. Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, chair and vice chair will give an overview. Budget deliberations are taking place Feb 14-16th. Budget hearings are done. If you missed hearings, you should go to deliberations.
- C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell: Eboard went to tally to advocate for florida students rights, especially homelessness, etc. Collaborates with organizations to hear concerns. Will use info from event on Friday at 7pm to discuss with advisors.
- D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez: none

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- E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way: Done with hearings, moving on to deliberations. Lastly, happy black history month, trying to hold a barbershop talk. OSGI is now center for student engagement, DI is now department of access compliance of equal opportunity.
  - F. Comptroller Iara Raggio: none
  - G. Executive Administrator Natalie Martinez: none
  - H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King: none
  - I. Chief of Staff Anna Meredith: none
  - J. Chief Justice Mia Rodriguez: none
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
- A. None
- X. Unfinished Business
- A. S.R. 04 008 – Standardized Housing Safety Act
    - Second reading took place. Arzola motions to vote, passed. 27yes, 0nays, 1 abstention. PASSED. Motion to reconsider bypassing public forum by Vogel, passed

**Vote on SB04-008**

<b>Senator Name</b>	<b>Senator Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Reason for Abstention</b>
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Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	yes	
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<b>Vote Count</b>			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
26	0	1	12

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	15.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	19	Passed
	Three-Fifths	17	Passed

Public Forum

- Halle says that this is enough, and a ceasefire was called before and it wasn't accepted.
- Kassandra says that the resolution will not affect anything directly enough. Doesn't understand the correlation between the resolution and safety.
- Asks "where do we go when we don't have safe spaces?" Says there is nowhere to go in Palestine. Says renaming the offices is an attack on safety. Says senators should not bypass public forum.
- Says that if the other group can't acknowledge that Israel is a free state and is allowed to be there, nothing will get done
- Brings up the 2 students shot because they were from Palestine at a different university. Asking to protect people by agreeing to the cease-fire.



- Pedro, a part of YDSA says that this resolution is a call to end the bloodshed. Says resolution stands by justice.
- Sara says that ceasefire now helps multiple races and beliefs, not just Palestine.
- Says Palestinians s accuse Israelis of genocide, but they just want peace and 2 different states.
- Says senators should not end public comment. Says bills should be read in senate.
- Oscar says he doesn't deny the massacres, so why are people denying all the deaths of children. The ceasefire will not put anyone in danger, just allow for liberation of individuals.

Stone motions to enter a 10min discussion on discharge, PASSED. Stone says: he sent messages to Salup-Cid and he has not responded. Asks him to find common ground and work with him. Salup Sid responds by saying that he hasn't responded because he's been busy. He says he supports CAPS. Arzola says that the senate hasn't been able to gather and speak about the topic. Says this conversation has no place in the chamber. Dawson suggests that the resolution should be voted on in the senate. Sharma praises everyone for their passion. States that this resolution has a lot of large-scale implications that might arise. The Senate is trying to take in all factors while making the final decision about the ceasefire. Hernandez says that this is a tense situation, but this matter belongs to SGA. Its concerned that its been a long time since the ceasefire started.

XI. New Business

A. Discharge S.R. 04 014 – Ceasefire NOW!: Vote to full reading, PASSED.

- i. 10 Minute Discussion vote passes
  - 1. \*The person taking the minutes left the meeting and the discussion was not recorded via minutes, there was some technical difficulties accessing the minutes\*
- ii. Motion by Senator Stone to go into roll call vote, seconded by Senator Arzola, PASSED
- iii. Discharge vote failed 12 Nay, 8 Aye, 5 Abstain

Vote on Ceasefire Resolution Discharge				
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<b>Motion Failed</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Vote Count</b>	<b>Archive</b>
	Simple Majority	15.0	Failed
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- iv. Move to adjourn meeting, PASSED
  - B. S.B. 04 018 – All About The Money
  - C. S.R. 04 020 – Alumni Emails
  - D. S.R. 04 019 – SAFE
  - E. S.B. 04 011 – Senate Town Halls
  - F. S.R. 04 015 – MSA Prayer Room
  - G. S.R. 04 016 – UCC @ BBC
- XII. Senate Forum
- A.
- XIII. Announcements
- A.
- XIV. Advisor Reports
- A.
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.