

Constitutional Convention of FIU

Meeting Agenda

January 23, 2024

1. Call to Order at 4:35PM
2. Roll Call

Brian Levine – present

Alex Sutton – present

Mia Rodriguez – present

Natalie Martinez – present

Alexander Stone – present

Tracy Mussotte – present

Kaily LaChapelle – present

Peter Hernandez – present

Quorum was established.

3. Correction and Approval of Last Meetings Minutes
 - a. Minutes from December 8, 2023
 - i. No corrections.
 - ii. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Public Comments Period
 - a. No members of the public wished to speak.
6. Reports
 - a. Convention Chair Brian Levine
 - i. Relaying the successes of the two previous committees on detail and style respectively. Today's meeting involves reaching a consensus on the current draft of the SGA Constitution for approval.
 - b. Convention Vice Chair Alexander Sutton
 - i. Three questions still need to be answered by the entirety of the convention. They are as follows: 1) Should the BBC Governor and Lieutenant Governor run as a ticket together, or should they be separately elected positions? 2) Should the Comptroller be renamed to Student Body Treasurer? 3) Should the Comptroller be an elected position.

- ii. Peter Hernandez had a point of inquiry on the implementation date of the proposed Constitution.
 - iii. Style changes were based on legibility. Format now includes sections with concurrent letters.
- 7. Old Business
 - a. There is no old business.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Peter Hernandez is positioning his case on whether BBC Governor and Lieutenant Governor should run on the same ticket. Alexander Sutton responded by explaining that separate positions would allow for a gubernatorial candidate to run even without a Lieutenant Governor. It also would make the Lieutenant Governor representative of a student vote.
 - b. Motion to begin read-through of the Constitution draft.
 - i. Convention Vice Chair Alexander Sutton is leading the read-through.
 - ii. Santana Way asked why there was a proposed change from the name Bureau to Student Union. This will be addressed later.
 - iii. Peter Hernandez and Mia Rodriguez want to address the jurisdiction of the Constitution based on the State University System, State, and Federal policies as was previously in Article I.
 - iv. Motion passed to discuss the former power of Senior Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs to alter the Constitution.
 - 1. Conversation was paused to return to public comment to allow Nia to speak due to a personal hard stop.
 - v. Article V: The Judicial Branch
 - 1. Motion from Mia Rodriguez passes to change order of official discussion to Article V.
 - 2. Motion from Alexander Sutton to have a three-minute discussion on Deputy Chief Justice.
 - 3. Alexander Sutton supports the removal of the position of Deputy Chief Justice.
 - a. Alexander Stone asked a question about the potential position.
 - b. Mia Rodriguez wants there to be only up to 2 clerks rather than the possibility of up to 3 clerks.
 - c. Kaily LaChapelle questions why there should not be a Deputy Chief of Staff for the purposes of succession.
 - d. Alexander Sutton motions to remove all references to Deputy Chief Justice in the Constitution. All vote yes except one abstention.
 - e. Motion was adopted with one abstention.
 - 4. Public Comment

We had the opportunity to hear public comment from James Hernandez and Emma Magdalene.
 - c. Motion to adjourn meeting. All but one extension. Meeting concluded at 7:37PM.