

Constitutional Convention of FIU

Meeting Agenda

February 2, 2024

Zoom: go.fiu.edu/WeTheStudents

1. Call to Order at 5:07PM
2. Roll Call

Brian Levine – present
Alexander Sutton – present
Mia Rodriguez – present
Natalie Martinez – present
Alexander Stone – present
Tracy Mussotte – present
Kaily Lachapelle – absent
Peter Hernandez – present (arrives late)
Santana Way— present

Quorum was established.

3. Correction and Approval of Last Meetings Minutes
 - a. Minutes from January 30, 2024
 - i. No corrections.
 - ii. Minutes approved unanimously.
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Public Comments Period
 - a. Dale Brochinsky offers his thoughts on the BBC Legislative Council.
 - b. Santana Way responds. Discussion will be done later after a motion.
6. Reports
 - a. Convention Chair Brian Levine
 - i. No report.
 - b. Convention Vice Chair Alexander Sutton
 - i. No report.
 - c. Convention Secretary Mia Rodriguez
 - i. No report.
7. Old Business

- a. Review and Adoption of Article XII and Article XIII; Reconciliation of Changes; Implementation Discussion; Final Adoption of Proposed Constitution
- b. Article XII: Constitutional Amendment Process
 - i. Alexander Sutton reads through Article XII: Constitutional Amendment Process
 - ii. Santana Way provides a question on the intent behind the different options of amendment proposals. Brian Levine responds by explaining the ease of a Constitutional Convention.
 - iii. Alexander Sutton agrees with Brian and explains that the Constitutional Convention is incentivized by its ease so that future generations use it. The Senate will still have revision and oversight power, but it will be easier with a simple majority vote.
 - iv. Mia Rodriguez asks a question.
 1. Alexander Sutton responds and explains the incentive of a Constitutional Convention.
 - v. Santana Way clarifies if he understood correctly.
 1. Alexander Sutton explains again.
 - vi. Alexander Sutton asks Alexander Stone and other members of the Convention how they feel about Article XII.
 - vii. Tracy Mussotte has a question on why Executive Order is not listed as a viable way to amend the Constitution within the Article. Alexander Sutton answers.
 1. Mia Rodriguez also offers their opinion.
 - viii. Alexander Sutton offers clarifying language for the Convention. He calls for unanimous consent for the language.
 - ix. Alexander Sutton motions to lock Article XII. Natalie Martinez seconds. Motion passes.
- c. Alexander Sutton begins to read through Article XIII: Constitutional Conventions.
 - i. Santana Way proposes general questions about Article XIII.
 1. Alexander Sutton answers that alternative conventions can be called at any time.
 2. Brian Levine answers that the time does not reset if an earlier convention is called.
 3. Brian Levine answers that a convention can convene and decide to make no changes.
 4. Alexander Sutton answers that anyone can be added to the convention based on Section 2C.
 - ii. Peter Hernandez and Santana have a discussion on how frequently SGA Presidents may ask for this and if it may become an issue in the long term with too many conventions.
 - iii. Brian Levine calls for the change of a typo; language is rectified.
 - iv. Alexander Stone provides his input and agrees with Peter Hernandez.

1. Alexander Sutton clarifies that there is no language in the Constitution which allows a President to call a Constitutional Convention to order.
 2. Natalie Martinez motions to lock Article XIII. Alexander Sutton seconds. Motion is passed.
- d. Alexander Sutton yields his time to Dale Brochinsky to restate his public comment.
- i. Peter Hernandez motions to open a 5-minute discussion period on the topic of the BBC Legislative Council. Brian Levine seconds. Motion passes.
 1. Brian Levine shares his thoughts. Dale Brochinsky shares his thoughts.
 2. Mia Rodriguez expresses their opinion.
 3. Mia Rodriguez motions to extend the discussion by 5 minutes. Santana Way seconds. Motion passes.
 4. Dale Brochinsky continues with his thoughts and recommends giving more power to the BBC Governor.
 5. Alexander Sutton proposes options: can either remove BBC Legislative Council or reclarify the power of the Council, or provide the BBC Governor to have the ability to do their own executive orders.
 6. Brian Levine clarifies that the Council is not mean to mimic the Senate.
 7. Dale Brochinsky believes the Council could serve to approve nominations, but legislation will still be approved by the entire Senate. He also wants gubernatorial executive orders.
- e. Alexander Sutton motions to unlock Article III: The Legislative Branch. Natalie Martinez seconds. make changes to the BBC Legislative Council.
- i. Alexander Sutton motions to strike clauses 2 and 3 of Section 11 Clause B. Mia Rodriguez seconds. Discussion ensues. Alexander Sutton calls the question by unanimous consent. Tracy Mussotte poses a question as to why this is being stricken. Alexander Sutton explains. Motion ultimately passes.
 - ii. Alexander Sutton makes an informative remark on fixing another Article which is affected by these changes.
 - iii. Mia Rodriguez poses an inquiry.
 - iv. Alexander Sutton asks for unanimous consent to lock Article III. Mia Rodriguez seconds. Motion passes.
- f. Mia Rodriguez motions to unlock Article IV: Executive Branch. Mia Rodriguez seconds. Motion passes.
- i. Mia Rodriguez talks about adding content about gubernatorial executive orders.
 - ii. Dale Brochinsky offers his thoughts.
 - iii. Alexander Sutton asks for unanimous consent to add the language. Motion passes.
 - iv. Alexander Sutton motions to delete Clause 4 relating to legislation passed by the BBC Legislative Council. Natalie Martinez seconds. Motion passes.

- v. Alexander Sutton motions to add language presented about the SGA President getting the exclusive ability to appoint students to university committees. Natalie Martinez seconds. Motion passes.
- vi. Alexander Sutton calls to implement the name of the Council of Presidents for Bureaus. Natalie Martinez seconds. Motion passes.
- vii. Alexander Sutton motions to lock Article IV: Executive branch. Mia Rodriguez seconds. Motion passes.
- g. Language begins to be changed due to points of reconciliation:
 - i. Alexander Sutton moves to strike Article IX Section 2 Clause A, Subclause 2. Motion passes.
 - ii. Alexander Sutton moves to change the language about Council of Presidents. Motion passes.
 - iii. Brian Levine goes to Article XI to Remunerations for a change. Motion passes.
 - iv. Brian Levine goes to Article III. Clarifies that the BBC Legislative Council is included within Section D.
- h. Implementation Instructions
 - i. Alexander Sutton motions to allow Chair to draft implementation language through WhatsApp. Peter Hernandez seconds. Mia Rodriguez inquires to set a time for the chatting. Alexander Sutton amends his motion and adds a deadline for 6PM on Sunday February 4th. Natalie Martinez seconds. Motion passes.
- i. Final Adoption
 - i. Alexander Sutton motions to approve the amendment to the SGA Constitution as drafted by the Convention. Mia Rodriguez seconds. Vote was taken by roll call:

Brian Levine – Aye
Alexander Sutton – Aye
Natalie Martinez – Aye
Alexander Stone – Aye
Tracy Mussotte – Aye
Peter Hernandez – Aye

Kaily Lachapelle – (not present for vote)
Santana Way – (not present for vote)
Mia Rodriguez – (non-voting member)

Motion passes with 6 in favor and 0 opposed. Vote was unanimous.
- j. Alexander Sutton discusses scheduling for the Constitution.
- k. Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.