

**Constitutional Convention of FIU
 Meeting Minutes
 October 10, 2023**

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 2:16pm by Chair Brian Levine.
2. Roll Call

Name	Present/Absent
Brian Levine	Present
Alexander P. Sutton	Present
Mia Rodriguez	Present
Kaily LaChapelle	Present
Alisha Loiseau	Absent (excused)
Bradley Cordero	Present
Natalie Martinez	Present
Peter Hernandez	Absent (excused)
VACANT	*Alejandro Arzola resigned on 10/6/2023

Quorum was established.

3. Correction and Approval of Last Meetings Minutes
 - a. Approved
4. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Agenda has been adopted
5. Public Comments Period
 - a. No report
6. Reports
 - a. Convention Chair Brian Levine
 - i. Email has been set up
 - ii. FIU Email will be on the way soon most likely
 - iii. Reported the existence of this Convention to Senate and Student Media
 - iv. Will be finalizing scheduled meetings for this Convention

- v. Will also discuss how to simplify amendment process
 - vi. Begin discussing potential topics for future meetings
 - b. Convention Vice Chair Alexander Sutton
 - i. No report
- 7. Old Business
 - a. No report
- 8. New Business
 - a. Proposed Convention Rules of Procedure
 - i. Chair Levine has sent the proposed ROP via email and will now go over it section by section
 - ii. Secretary Rodriguez asks if we want to add a report for the Secretary for the sake of continuity and a possible outlet for discussion for later substantive meetings regarding minutes
 - iii. When it comes to public comment periods, Secretary Rodriguez expresses that public comments periods can be implemented preferably at the beginning and if more is needed then a motion can be in order to have an additional public comments period
 - iv. Members decided to keep both public comment periods, as it will likely not serve as disruptive enough to hinder the proceedings of this Convention
 - v. Secretary Rodriguez asks about the process of this document and its different versions throughout and about the committee to review the final draft
 - vi. Chair Levine mentions that the committee is optional to review draft language, and the different versions refer to a proposal such as the proposed amendments we are working on or the draft language which is putting these proposals into actual language
 - vii. Emeritus members will act as additional members that do not take away from current members and have no vote after going over this section
 - viii. Logistics of how we will actually edit the document via a possible word document consistently edited by all of us will be further fleshed out
 - ix. Conversations prior to these editing periods are highly encouraged and supported despite discussing logistics as well
 - 1. Sutton moved to adopt the rules seconded by LaChapelle
 - a. The motion is in order and has been unanimously passed!
 - b. The rule of this procedure for the convention have been adopted
 - b. Scheduling of Meetings and Forums
 - i. Chair Levine brings up scheduling our meetings and Natalie asks if they are always going to be hybrid
 - ii. Chair Levine expresses that he wants to make it as accessible as possible so this can be done and we are trying to do meetings at both BBC and MMC
 - iii. Sutton mentions that in 2 weeks would likely be ideal for our next meeting
 - iv. Rodriguez mentions that they will be unavailable for certain weeks this semester and informed the Convention

- v. Sutton proposes that Wed, Oct 25th is when we can hold a forum for students to hold public comment and another one later on
 - vi. This date possibly conflicts but not everyone is needed to hold this forum!
 - vii. Rodriguez proposes tabling with a form attached via a QR code for students to write down their proposed amendments after conversing with some of us
 - viii. Cordero proposes doing an event in the GC pit with a game of deciding which proposal would be better for the student body or questions that explain the Constitution
 - ix. The forum is a general event that can hold these various activities
 - x. From 4-6pm on Wed, Oct. 25th for a first forum to be held in the GC pit
 - xi. The pit will be reserved by Sutton after this meeting
 - c. Discussion regarding potential proposals to amend Article XII of the SGA Constitution
 - i. Chair Levine brings up the obstacle of our current governing documents detailing that the amendments must be listed at the end instead of replacing the current articles /sections
 - ii. The convention discusses why it is important to amend this amendment so that our process is more simple and effective in the long run
 - d. Initial discussions of topics/provisions/proposals to be included in Convention deliberations
 - e. Other New Business
 - i. Previous new business will be extended later on as this was a more logistical meeting
9. Convention Forum
 10. Public Comments Period
 11. Announcements
 12. Adjournment
 - a. This meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm.