

Constitutional Convention of FIU

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2023

11:00 AM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a. Brian present
 - b. Alex absent (excused)
 - c. Mia present
 - d. Tracy present
 - e. Natalie Martinez present
 - f. Peter Hernandez absent (excused)
 - g. Alexander Stone absent (excused)
 - h. Kaily Lachapelle absent (excused)
 - i. Not reached quorum but under ROP, informal discussion
3. Correction and Approval of Last Meetings Minutes
 - a. Minutes from October 27, 2023
 - i. No body objects but will vote on next meeting
4. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. No adopting but informal discussion
5. Public Comments Period
 - a. N/A
6. Reports
 - a. Convention Chair Brian Levine
 - i. Had the other forum
 - ii. Trying to get people to come to meetings
 - iii. Haley dawson meeting on gpsce to thoughts on convention according to grad students
 - b. Convention Vice Chair Alexander Sutton
 - i. N/A
 - c. Convention Secretary Mia Rodriguez
 - i. First Judicial meeting
 - ii. Basically a writ that is possibly changing the language of the constitution
 - iii. Could be in our purview so added to agenda
7. Old Business
 - a. Convention Student Forums
 - i. De-Brief on Forum at BBC Panther Square on Thursday, November 2, 2023
 1. Shared pizza and got responses!

2. President should have less power and SC should have more
8. New Business
 - a. Deliberations
 - i. Article I – Establishment
 1. How to go about amendments
 - a. Other unis such as UF/FSU do not need admin to approve
 - i. The part where the admin position can amend “outside of the process”
 - ii. Considering to be removed from the documents
 - iii. SC has the power of student governance, should be spoken up more
 - iv. Could also be seen as support instead of suppression
 - v. Had admin decide quorum for bbc? Unnecessary
 - vi. Unmerging BBC is a no no
 - vii. Another revolution for another time
 - viii. At the point of registration means when you register for classes
 2. Student sovereignty
 - a. When it comes to admin and their power
 - b. Gov’t of the students, by the students and for the students
 - i. No admin ability to alter the constitution
 3. Change language of admin positions
 - a. Not the senior VP of student affairs
 - i. Taking it out means language does not matter much
 - ii. Article II – Students Rights
 1. General Expansion akin to BOR (maybe even universal declaration of human rights)
 - a. First amendment akin to freedom of expression (speech, press)
 2. Organizational affiliation is the only thing to be protected by the FIU SGAC
 - a. More diversity aspects should be protected
 - i. Separate Broad statement of diversity
 - ii. Discrimination Prohibition
 1. Discrimination Prohibited Article 1 Section 4 Declaration of Rights and Responsibilities UF SGAC
 2. See UN Declaration of Human Rights
 - iii. In the same general area
 3. Explanation of const amendments by petition to be changed
 - a. More like the streamlining act we want to pass
 - b. Note that this should be looked at during elections discussion so that it remains the same
 - iii. Topic – Accountability System for SGA Officials/Quorum Writ
 1. Accountability
 - a. Will wait for Kaily but a system to hold people more accountable would be great

- b. Giving the senate the power to remove officials if they are not fulfilling duties
- c. Tracy puts up the idea of missing 4 meetings unexcused would result in the senate
- d. Competing thoughts on how to handle no work
- e. Build in a due process but judicial should be the only branch dealing with removing officials because doing this internally within senate will be far too messy
- f. Competing thoughts but will come back to
- g. Avoid strictness by enacting checks and balances more, more simply procedure
- h. Recall but get back to

2. Quorum Writ

- a. Introduced the writ
 - i. Main difference is between the quorum with vacancies or without vacancies
 - ii. Should keep it the same way when writing the Constitution

iv. Article X – Elections

- 1. When?
- 2. Special elections?
- 3. More on document
- 4. Look at elections code

v. Article IX – Governing Councils, Agencies, & Bureaus

- 1. If you don't find anything in the constitution, go in the statutes

vi. Items 4 and 5 moved to next meeting

- 1. Please review Article 9 and 10 for next meeting
- 2. Maybe proxies to take notes

b. Other New Business

- i. N/A

9. Convention Forum

- a. N/A

10. Public Comments Period

- a. N/A

11. Announcements

- a. Next meeting is Monday 11am-3pm in person 11/13 SLD conf room 2215 GC

12. Adjournment

- a. This meeting is adjourned at 2:36pm.

