

Constitutional Convention of FIU
Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2023
11:00 AM
Zoom: go.fiu.edu/WeTheStudents

1. Meeting Called to Order at 11:14AM
2. Roll Call

Brian Levine – Present

Alex Sutton – Present

Tracy Mussotte – Present

Alex Stone – Present

Natalie Martinez - Present

Mia Rodriguez – Absent

Kaily LaChapelle – Absent

Peter Hernandez - Absent

3. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
 - a. Minutes from November 13, 2023
 - i. Approved unanimously
 - b. Minutes from November 16, 2023
 - i. Approved unanimously
4. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Adopted unanimously
5. Public Comments Period
6. Reports
 - a. Convention Chair Brian Levine
 - i. Noting that tomorrow is the student body referendum vote on the Amendments Streamlining Act, from 7AM to 7PM, at voting.fiu.edu.
 - b. Convention Vice Chair Alexander Sutton
 - c. Convention Secretary Mia Rodriguez
7. Old Business
 - a. Deliberations
 - i. Article V – Executive Branch
 1. Sutton said he supports renaming Executive Administrator to Press Secretary and making it a cabinet-level position

2. Support for allowing Executive position applications to open up after the election and President-elect can review them before assuming office, eligibility will be checked as soon as application comes in
 3. Support for putting a two-week maximum on amount of time for University to approve eligibility of applicants; after that time frame, applicant will be presumed to be eligible
 4. Brian Levine supports stating that the term for the Student Body President shall start on the first day of classes of the Summer Semester
 5. ACB discussion
 - a. For spending on the ACB, President shall require the approval of a simple majority of the eboard. Give at least 5 days' notice to eboard for expenditures. Senate must be informed about expenditures in writing within 24 hours of the expenditure being made.
 - b. Long discussion about whether the Senate should have veto power over ACB expenditures (~20 minutes). Sutton in favor of leaving the eboard as a check on the ACB expenditures, Brian in favor of giving the Senate a veto over ACB expenditures.
 - c. Consensus that the Senate should be able to have the power to write bills spending money out of the ACB.
 - d. Relative consensus that ACB expenditures over \$100,000 shall have the ability of being vetoed by Senate.
 6. Consensus on giving the President more flexibility to choose the titles and number of members of their cabinet members. Increasing or eliminating the maximum number of cabinet positions. Flexibility on their titles.
 7. Consensus to delete the Executive Advisory Committee.
 8. Consensus on allowing the Lieutenant Governor being an elected position. Consensus on allowing Lt. Gov. to assume the position of Governor if the Governor position becomes vacant.
 - ii. Article VI – Judicial Branch
 1. Discussion tabled to next meeting
 - iii. Article VIII – Internal Committees
 - 1.
 - iv. Article X – Elections
 - v. Article XI – Renumeration
 - vi. Article XII/XIII – Constitutional Amendment Process
 - a. Other New Business
8. Convention Forum
 9. Public Comments Period
 10. Announcements
 11. Adjournment at 1:51PM