



Senatorial Records

*The Proceedings and Debate of the 37th Session of the
Student Government Council – Modesto A. Maidique Campus Senate
Fall Session*

Zoom, Monday, January 11, 2021

- I. Welcome & Call to Order
 - a. The Senate met at and was called to order by the Speaker Janelle Fraga at 4:02pm
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance, senator Burgos Led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
- II. Roll Call of Senators Present & Verification of Quorum

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL		
#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
Amanda	Ramirez	p
Amelia	Raudales	P
Ari	Salzman	P
Ashley	Nuñez	P
Brianna	Pumariega	p
Bryan	Gomez	P
Carlos	Ortiz	P
Christian	Perez	p
Cristhofer	Lugo	P
Cristina	Vale	P
DaMarcus	Snipes	p
David	Torrens	A
Elisabeth	Nylander	P
Fiorella	Biagoni	p
Hiba	Khalil	P
VACANT	VACANT	
Ivette	Borges	A
James	Magee	P
Janelle	Fraga	P
Jocelyn	Correa	p

Jordan Morejon	Castelli	A
Julio	Burgos	P
Kamila	Fernandez	p
Karla Sofia	Perez	p
Kristina	Kuhdiakova	P
Marilyn	Gonzalez	A
Nicholas	Velazquez	
Nicholas	Pastrana	P
Nitya	Ramalingam	A
Rafael	Vasquez	P
Salma	Atassi	P
Sandro	Alvarez	P
Sergio	Reyes	p
Shahnawaz	Rafi	P
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SENATE SEATS	37	QUORUM ESTABLISHED
VACANT SEATS	2	
SENATORS PRESENT	29	
AMT FOR QUORUM	18	

- III. Approval of the Minutes from November 23, 2020
 - a. senator lugo moves to approve the minutes from november 23rd 2020, senator vale seconds. motion passes.
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. senator salzman moves to adopt todays agenda. senator lugo seconds, motion passes.
- V. Invited Speakers
 - a. Presidential Address: Madam President Alexandra Valdes
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee
 - i. next meeting we will finalize dates and times for future meetings
 - ii. If you have any questions, please contact sgafinance@fiu.edu
 - b. Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee
 - i. meeting with committee soon to discuss plans for this semester
 - ii. If you have any questions, please contact sgarules@fiu.edu
 - c. Operational Review Committee
 - i. If you have any questions, please contact sgaorc@fiu.edu
 - d. Internal Affairs Committee
 - i. confirmations for ORC and IA will begin today
 - ii. If you have any questions, please contact sgainternal@fiu.edu
 - e. Student Advocacy Committee
 - i. meeting next monday
 - ii. If you have any questions, please contact sgaadvocacy@fiu.edu
 - f. Graduate and Professional Students Committee

- i. been in constant contact with UGS to organize graduate events
 - ii. GSAW will be virtual this year, we have begun preparations
 - iii. working on new award called “above and beyond” to honor graduate students who contribute to their community as well as the university.
 - iv. spoke about gradskeller event, we believe doing another virtual event would be the best idea. we plan on inviting the lieutenant governor because she was a former graduate student from FIU.
 - v. If you have any questions, please contact GPSCchair@fiu.edu
 - g. Mental Health Ad Hoc Committee
 - i. passed legislation for permanent position in cabinet
 - ii. If you have any questions, please contact sgahealth@fiu.edu
- VII. Executive Board Reports
 - a. Senate Speaker Fraga
 - i. Welcome Back everyone!
 - ii. Office Hours will be due after add/drop period
 - iii. Committee meetings will resume this week
 - iv. Martin Luther King day is next Monday
 - 1. no senate
 - v. Legislation updates

senator gonzalez entered senate at 4:31pm

 - i. If you have any questions, please email sgaspeaker@fiu.edu
 - a. Speaker Pro Tempore Gomez
 - ii. If you have any questions, please email sgaprotemp@fiu.edu
 - b. President Valdes
 - i. MLK commemorative event on the 14th. a link was sent in the whatsapp group chat
 - ii. tomorrow a concert will be happening on the GC lawns. there will be salty donuts as well as meal vouchers for miros and almazar. volunteers are also needed!
 - iii. If you have any questions, please email sgapres@fiu.edu
 - c. Vice President Ibarria
 - i. sga members have priority for event in ballrooms
 - ii. if you have any questions, please email sgavp@fiu.edu
 - d. Comptroller Rubido
 - i. working to get everything processed for budget hearings, more information will be available next senate meeting.
 - ii. If you have any questions, please email sgacomptroll@fiu.edu
 - e. Chief Justice De La Osa
 - i. If you have any questions, please email sgajud@fiu.edu
- VIII. Special Orders
 - a. none
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
 - a. none
- X. Second Readings
- XI. Unfinished Business
- XII. New Business
 - a. Operational Review Committee Chair

- i. speaker fraga moves to open ORC committee chair, senator salzman seconds. motion passes
- ii. speaker fraga nominates senator castelli, senator burgos seconds. senator castelli accepts
- iii. senator salzman moves to close the floor for nominations, senator lugo seconds. motion passes.
- iv. speaker fraga moves to go into voting, senator salzman seconds. motion passes.
- v. senator lugo moves to go vote by unanimous consent, senator reyes seconds. motion passes
- vi. senator castelli is the new ORC chair!
- b. Internal Affairs Committee Chair
 - i. speaker fraga moves to open the floor for nominations, senator salzman seconds. motion passes.
 - ii. senator ortiz moves to nominate senator nylander, senator lugo seconds. senator nylander accepts.
 - iii. speaker fraga nominates senator vale, senator pastrana seconds. senator vale seconds.
 - iv. senator lugo moves to close q&a, senator perez seconds. motion passes.
 - v. senator vale moves to remove herself from contention. senator reyes seconds. motion passes.
 - vi. senator lugo moves to go into voting, senator reyes seconds. motion passes.
 - vii. senator lugo moves to vote by unanimous consent, senator burgos seconds. motion passes.
 - viii. senator nylander is the new IA committee chair!
 - ix. speaker fraga moves to open business senator vacancy, senator lugo seconds, motion passes.

POP for senator pumariega at 4:59pm

- XIII. Advisor Report
- XIV. Senate Forum
 - a. discussed restaurant repopulation planning, especially for the spring semester
- XV. Announcements
 - a. none
- XVI. Adjournment
 - a. The Speaker adjourned the meeting at 5:12pm