



# Senatorial Records

*The Proceedings and Debate of the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the  
Student Government Council – Modesto A. Maidique Campus Senate  
Spring Session*

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GC 150 (SGA Chambers), Monday, January 14, 2019

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- I. Welcome & Call to Order
  - a. The Senate met at 4:02 p.m. and was called to order by the Senate Speaker Brandon Aquino.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. Senator Arzola 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.*
- III. Roll Call of Senators Present & Verification of Quorum

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL		
First Name	Last Name	Attendance
Mitra	Ahmadinejad	P
Stacey	Alpert	P
Brandon	Aquino	P
Alejandro	Arzola	P
Betsy	Batista	A
Daniel	Beltran	P
Jordan	Chatman	Tardy 4:35pm
Danny	De Leon	P
Dustin	Duncan	P
Dianelis	Hernandez	A
Samuel	Hernandez	P
Rose	Ingraham	P
Jai	Jethani	P
Charles	Kelly	P
Jam	Khan Aleem Nawaz	P
Dimitri	Lampru	A
Victoria	Larson	P
Constance	Lee	P
Nadine	Matas	P

Ariadna	Natteri	P
LeChara	Pryor	P
Amelia	Raudales	P
Carlos	Rivero	P
Melanie	Rodriguez	P
Rebecca	Sanchez	A
Samuel	Santos	P
Jessica	Spencer	P
Luis	Suarez	P
Bertha	Vera	A
Dylan	Vulcain	A
Leila	Zahedi	P
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<b>SENATE SEATS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</b>
<b>VACANT SEATS</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>SENATORS PRESENT</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>AMT FOR QUORUM</b>	<b>16</b>	

- a. Roll was called and Quorum was verified with 25 Senators present.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from January 7th, 2018
  - a. Senator Larson moves to approve the minutes from January 7th, 2018. Senator Ingraham seconds. Motion passes.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. Senator Ahmadinejad moves to add election of GPSC Chair to the agenda. Senator Larson seconds. Motion passes.
  - b. Senator Larson moves to add SB1823 to the agenda. Senator Ingraham seconds. Motion passes.
  - c. Senator Larson moves to adopt the agenda. Senator Natteri seconds. Motion passes.
- VI. Invited Speakers
  - a. There were none.
- VII. Special Orders
  - a. There were none.
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
  - a. SB1821 – LEGISLATIVE BRANCH REFORM ACT AND SB1822 – GENERAL STATUTES REVISIONS

- i. Senator Santos moves to go into discussion for 5 minutes. Senator Ingraham seconds. Motion passes.
- ii. Senator Arzola moves to extend discussion by 2 minutes. Senator Ahmadinejad seconds. Motion passes.
- iii. Senator Arzola moves to extend discussion by 2 minutes. Senator Jethani seconds. Motion passes.

IX. Second Readings

- a. There were none.

X. Unfinished Business

*Senator Akeem Nawaz dismissed at 4:20pm*

- a. Confirmation of Election Board Member #2 – Matthew Becerra
  - i. Presentation Period - Matthew Becerra
  - ii. Question and Answer Period
    - 1. Senator Duncan moves to close question and answer period. Senator Ingraham seconds. Motion passes.
  - iii. Senator Duncan moves to go into voting procedure. Senator Natterri seconds. Motion passes.

<b>VOTE ON CONFIRMATION OF MATTHEW BECERRA AS ELECTION BOARD MEMBER #2</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Mitra	Ahmadinejad	P	Y	
Stacey	Alpert	P	Y	
Brandon	Aquino	P	Y	
Alejandro	Arzola	P	Y	
Betsy	Batista	A		
Daniel	Beltran	P	Y	
Jordan	Chatman	A		
Danny	De Leon	P	Y	
Dustin	Duncan	P	Y	
Dianelis	Hernandez	A		
Samuel	Hernandez	P	Y	
Rose	Ingraham	P	Y	
Jai	Jethani	P	Y	
Charles	Kelly	P	Y	
Jam	Khan Aleem Nawaz	A		
Dimitri	Lampru	A		
Victoria	Larson	P	Y	
Constance	Lee	P	Y	
Nadine	Matas	P	Y	
Ariadna	Natterri	P	Y	

LeChara	Pryor	P	Y	
Amelia	Raudales	P	Y	
Carlos	Rivero	P	Y	
Melanie	Rodriguez	P	Y	
Rebecca	Sanchez	A		
Samuel	Santos	P	Y	
Jessica	Spencer	P	Y	
Luis	Suarez	P	Y	
Bertha	Vera	A		
Dylan	Vulcain	A		
Leila	Zahedi	P	Y	
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<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</b>		<b>YAY</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>PASS</b>
		<b>NAY</b>	<b>0</b>	
		<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>0</b>	

**iv. Matthew Becerra Confirmed as Elections Board Member #2**

- b. Confirmation of Election Board Member #3 – Kiyra Ellis
  - i. Presentation Period - Kiyra Ellis
  - ii. Question and Answer Period
  - iii. Senator Ingraham moves to close question and answer period. Senator Santos seconds. Motion passes.
  - iv. Senator Ingraham moves to go into voting procedure. Senator Larson seconds. Motion passes.

<b>VOTE ON KIYRA ELLIS AS ELECTIONS BOARD MEMBER #3</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Mitra	Ahmadinejad	P	Y	
Stacey	Alpert	P	Y	
Brandon	Aquino	P	Y	
Alejandro	Arzola	P	Y	
Betsy	Batista	A		
Daniel	Beltran	P	Y	
Jordan	Chatman	A		

Danny	De Leon	P	Y	
Dustin	Duncan	P	Y	
Dianelis	Hernandez	A		
Samuel	Hernandez	P	Y	
Rose	Ingraham	P	A	Conflict of Interest
Jai	Jethani	P	Y	
Charles	Kelly	P	Y	
Jam	Khan Aleem Nawaz	A		
Dimitri	Lampru	A		
Victoria	Larson	P	Y	
Constance	Lee	P	Y	
Nadine	Matas	P	Y	
Ariadna	Natteri	P	Y	
LeChara	Pryor	P	Y	
Amelia	Raudales	P	Y	
Carlos	Rivero	P	Y	
Melanie	Rodriguez	P	Y	
Rebecca	Sanchez	A		
Samuel	Santos	P	Y	
Jessica	Spencer	P	Y	
Luis	Suarez	P	Y	
Bertha	Vera	A		
Dylan	Vulcain	A		
Leila	Zahedi	P	Y	
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<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</b>		<b>YAY</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>PASS</b>
		<b>NAY</b>	<b>0</b>	
		<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>1</b>	

v. **Kiyrá Ellis Confirmed as Elections Board Member #3**

XI. New Business

a. Elections Commissioner Hearing

- i. Discussion Period
- ii. Senator Natterri moves to close question and answer period. Senator Duncan seconds. Motion passes.

*Point of Personal Privilege for Senator Arzola at 4:40 PM.*

- b. Confirmation of Homecoming Overall Director - Emanuel Castillo

- i. Presentation Period

*Senator Arzola returned at 4:42 PM.*

- ii. Senator Rodriguez moves to close question and answer period. Senator Rivero seconds. Motion passes.
- iii. Senator Duncan moves to go into voting procedure. Senator Natterri seconds. Motion passes.

<b>VOTE ON EMMANUEL CASTILLO AS HOMECOMING DIRECTOR</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Mitra	Ahmadinejad	P	Y	
Stacey	Alpert	P	Y	
Brandon	Aquino	P	Y	
Alejandro	Arzola	P	Y	
Betsy	Batista	A		
Daniel	Beltran	P	Y	
Jordan	Chatman	P	Y	
Danny	De Leon	P	Y	
Dustin	Duncan	P	A	Conflict of Interest
Dianelis	Hernandez	A		
Samuel	Hernandez	P	Y	
Rose	Ingraham	P	Y	
Jai	Jethani	P	Y	
Charles	Kelly	P	Y	
Jam	Khan Aleem Nawaz	A		
Dimitri	Lampru	A		
Victoria	Larson	P	Y	
Constance	Lee	P	Y	
Nadine	Matas	P	Y	
Ariadna	Natterri	P	Y	
LeChara	Pryor	P	Y	
Amelia	Raudales	P	Y	
Carlos	Rivero	P	Y	
Melanie	Rodriguez	P	Y	
Rebecca	Sanchez	A		

Samuel	Santos	P	Y	
Jessica	Spencer	P	Y	
Luis	Suarez	P	N	
Bertha	Vera	A		
Dylan	Vulcain	A		
Leila	Zahedi	P	Y	
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<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</b>		<b>YAY</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>PASS</b>
		<b>NAY</b>	<b>1</b>	
		<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>1</b>	

*Point of Personal Privilege for Senator Larson at 4:48 PM.*

- c. Election of the Graduate and Professional Student Committee Chair
  - i. Senator Ahmadinejad moves to open the floor for nominations for GPSC Chair. Senator Natteri seconds. Motion passes.
    - 1. Senator Ahmadinejad nominates Senator Zahedi. Senator Zahedi accepts.
    - 2. Senator Duncan moves to close the floor for nominations. Senator Rodriguez seconds. Motion passes.

*Senator Larson returned at 4:51 PM.*

- ii. Leila Zahedi Presentation
  - 1. Presentation Period - Leila Zahedi
  - 2. Question and Answer Period
    - a. Senator Rodriguez moves to close question and answer period. Senator Larson seconds. Motion passes.
    - b. Senator Ahmadinejad moves to go into voting procedure. Senator Duncan seconds. Motion passes.

<b>VOTE ON LEILA ZAHEDI AS GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT COMMITTEE CHAIR</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Mitra	Ahmadinejad	P	Y	
Stacey	Alpert	P	Y	
Brandon	Aquino	P	Y	
Alejandro	Arzola	P	Y	
Betsy	Batista	A		

Daniel	Beltran	P	Y	
Jordan	Chatman	P	Y	
Danny	De Leon	P	Y	
Dustin	Duncan	P	Y	
Danielis	Hernandez	A		
Samuel	Hernandez	P	Y	
Rose	Ingraham	P	Y	
Jai	Jethani	P	Y	
Charles	Kelly	P	Y	
Jam	Khan Aleem Nawaz	A		
Dimitri	Lampru	A		
Victoria	Larson	P		
Constance	Lee	P	Y	
Nadine	Matas	P	Y	
Ariadna	Natteri	P	Y	
LeChara	Pryor	P	Y	
Amelia	Raudales	P	Y	
Carlos	Rivero	P	Y	
Melanie	Rodriguez	P	Y	
Rebecca	Sanchez	A		
Samuel	Santos	P	Y	
Jessica	Spencer	P	Y	
Luis	Suarez	P	Y	
Bertha	Vera	A		
Dylan	Vulcain	A		
Leila	Zahedi	P	A	
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<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</b>		<b>YAY</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>PASS</b>
		<b>NAY</b>	<b>0</b>	
		<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>1</b>	



**3. Leila Zahedi Confirmed as Graduate and Professional Student Committee Chair.**

**d. SB1823 - A BILL TO REQUIRE OFFICE HOURS OF ALL SGC-MMC LEADERSHIP**

- i. Presentation Period - Victoria Larson
- ii. Question and Answer Period
  - 1. Senator Ahmadinejad moves to close question and answer period. Senator Arzola seconds. Motion passes.
- iii. Senator Ingraham moves to bypass second reading. Senator Spencer seconds. Motion passes.
- iv. Senator Arzola moves to go into voting procedure. Senator Natteri seconds. Motion passes.

<b>VOTE ON APPROVAL OF SB1823</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Mitra	Ahmadinejad	P	Y	
Stacey	Alpert	P	Y	
Brandon	Aquino	P	Y	
Alejandro	Arzola	P	Y	
Betsy	Batista	A		
Daniel	Beltran	P	Y	
Jordan	Chatman	P	Y	
Danny	De Leon	P	Y	
Dustin	Duncan	P	Y	
Dianelis	Hernandez	A		
Samuel	Hernandez	P	Y	
Rose	Ingraham	P	Y	
Jai	Jethani	P	Y	
Charles	Kelly	P	Y	
Jam	Khan Aleem Nawaz	A		
Dimitri	Lampru	A		
Victoria	Larson	P	Y	
Constance	Lee	P	Y	
Nadine	Matas	P		
Ariadna	Natteri	P	Y	
LeChara	Pryor	P	Y	
Amelia	Raudales	P	Y	
Carlos	Rivero	P	Y	
Melanie	Rodriguez	P	Y	
Rebecca	Sanchez	A		

Samuel	Santos	P	Y	
Jessica	Spencer	P	Y	
Luis	Suarez	P	Y	
Bertha	Vera	A		
Dylan	Vulcain	A		
Leila	Zahedi	P	Y	
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<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</b>		<b>YAY</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>PASS</b>
		<b>NAY</b>	<b>0</b>	
		<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>0</b>	

*Senator Matas dismissed at 4:54 PM.*

**v. SB1823 APPROVED.**

**XII. Committee Reports**

- a. Finance Committee
  - i. Meeting tomorrow at 5pm at SGA Office.
  - ii. Voting on a request and hearing 2 more requests.
  - iii. Send me any appropriations for a legislative line items that you want passed for senate.
  - iv. Working with BBC to review the Finance Code.
  - v. If you have any questions, please contact [sga.financecom@gmail.com](mailto:sga.financecom@gmail.com)
- b. Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee
  - i. Chief Justice applications closing Friday the 25th.
  - ii. Current meetings are Monday before senate.
  - iii. If you have any legislation send them in a week in advance.
  - iv. If you have any questions, please contact [sga.rljcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sga.rljcommittee@gmail.com)
- c. Operational Review Committee
  - i. Meeting today after senate
  - ii. If you have any questions, please contact [fusga.orc@gmail.com](mailto:fusga.orc@gmail.com)
- d. Internal Affairs Committee
  - i. Emailed Brian a Senator Requirement checklist
  - ii. If you have any excuses for not attending Senate please send them to me.
  - iii. Make the form optional for Dean meetings
  - iv. Internal affairs committee meeting at 1pm on Thursday
  - v. If you have any questions, please contact [sga.iacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sga.iacommittee@gmail.com)
- e. Student Advocacy Committee
  - i. Meeting today after senate.

- ii. Meeting dates are tentative
    - iii. If you would like to join the student advocacy committee please let me know
    - iv. If you have any questions, please contact [sga.sacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sga.sacommittee@gmail.com)
  - f. Graduate and Professional Students Committee
    - i. GSAW flyer was finalized and will be shared on social media.
    - ii. Collaboration with GAP is being prepared and will be sent to graduate students to decide about the their topic.
    - iii. PantherNow will cover our initiative for an increase in stipends for graduate students. Ten graduate students will have an interview with PantherNow.
    - iv. GPSC travel tutorial video has been uploaded on the website and is now available for the graduate students.
    - v. If you have any questions, please contact [GPSC@fiu.edu](mailto:GPSC@fiu.edu)
- XIII. Executive Board Reports
  - a. Speaker of the Senate Aquino
    - i. MLK Day
    - ii. U-Wide Congress- will create a doodle to find the most optimal time for everyone
    - iii. If you have any questions, please email [sgaspeaker@fiu.edu](mailto:sgaspeaker@fiu.edu)
  - b. Speaker Pro Tempore Admahdinejad
    - i. No report
    - ii. If you have any questions, please email [sgaprotemp@fiu.edu](mailto:sgaprotemp@fiu.edu)
  - c. President Rosell
    - i. Budgets hearings begin tomorrow
    - ii. Working on collaboration with SPC and the football team
      - 1. Event on the lawns with SPC from 2-4pm next week Tuesday.
    - iii. FSA event
      - 1. Next FSA event March 23rd
    - iv. FIU Day
      - 1. March 19th
    - v. Next Horizon Campaign Launch Party on January 26th at 1:30pm for
    - vi. If you have any questions, please email [sgapres@fiu.edu](mailto:sgapres@fiu.edu)
  - d. Vice President Hernandez
    - i. Keandre will be serving as the interim Chief of Staff
    - ii. Cabinet meetings will be shared once they are finalized
    - iii. Need a representative from every delegation for Strategic Plan
    - iv. If you have any questions, please email [sgavp@fiu.edu](mailto:sgavp@fiu.edu)
  - e. Comptroller Correa
    - i. First budget meeting tomorrow at 9am
    - ii. If you have any questions, please email [sgacomp@fiu.edu](mailto:sgacomp@fiu.edu)
  - f. Chief Justice (VACANT)
    - i. If you have any questions, please email [sgajud@fiu.edu](mailto:sgajud@fiu.edu)
- XIV. Advisor Report
  - a. Sending out a link to set up meetings for one-on-one.
  - b. If you have any questions, please email [mimcast@fiu.edu](mailto:mimcast@fiu.edu)
- XV. Public Forum

- XVI. Senate Forum
  - a. Senator Ingraham- Report of ORC Audits
- XVII. Announcements
  - a. Senator Alpert - January 27- February 1st is FIU 3rd Annual Holocaust and Genocide Awareness Week.
  - b. Senator Rivero - If you have anyone that wants to move in off-campus let me know.
  - c. Senator Chatman - Unfortunately, I will have to resign after this senate meeting.
- XVIII. Adjournment
  - a. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.