



# 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*

GC 150 (SGA Chambers), Monday, March 18, 2019

- I. Welcome & Call to Order
  - a. The Senate met at 4:03 p.m. and was called to order by Senate Speaker Brandon Aquino.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
  - a. Senator Santos 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
Angel	Algarin	A
Stacey	Alpert	P
Brandon	Aquino	P
Alejandro	Arzola	P
Daniel	Beltran	Tardy 4:21pm
Danny	De Leon	A
Dustin	Duncan	P
Dianelis	Hernandez	P
Samuel	Hernandez	P
Ana	Hevia	P
Rose	Ingraham	P
Jai	Jethani	P
Charles	Kelly	P
Jam	Khan Aleem Nawaz	P
Dimitri	Lampru	P
Victoria	Larson	P
Constance	Lee	A
Carolina	Machin	P
Dominique	Macon	A
Anthony	Membreno	P
Ariadna	Natteri	A

David	Nivia	A
LeChara	Pryor	P
Amelia	Raudales	P
Rebecca	Sanchez	A
Samuel	Santos	P
Jessica	Spencer	Tardy at 4:44pm
Luis	Suarez	A
Bertha	Vera	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>22</b>	
<b>AMT FOR QUORUM</b>	<b>16</b>	

- a. Roll was called and Quorum was verified with 22 Senators present.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - a. Senator Larson moves to approve the minutes from March 4th, 2019. Senator Duncan seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. Senator Larson moves to add the Confirmation of Secretary of Governmental Relations to the agenda. Senator Ingraham seconds the motion. Motion passes.
  - b. Senator Larson moves to adopt the agenda. Senator Duncan seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- VI. Invited Speakers
  - a. Cristina Vale - Secretary of Academic Affairs
  - b. Keandre Blount - Chief of Staff
- VII. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance Committee
    - i. 7 organizations attended our Finance Committee Info Session.
    - ii. We are currently looking into a date and time for the organizations that were approved earlier this year to come and debrief Senate sometime in April.
    - iii. We will have a meeting today at 6pm.
    - iv. If you have any questions, please contact [sga.financecom@gmail.com](mailto:sga.financecom@gmail.com)
  - b. Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary Committee
    - i. No report
    - ii. If you have any questions, please contact [sga.rljcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sga.rljcommittee@gmail.com)

- c. Operational Review Committee
    - i. No report.
    - ii. If you have any questions, please contact [fiusga.orc@gmail.com](mailto:fiusga.orc@gmail.com)
  - d. Internal Affairs Committee
    - i. If you haven't been contacted by your committee, let me know and I will get that covered.
    - ii. Please make sure you are completing your hours.
    - iii. If you have any questions, please contact [sga.iacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sga.iacommittee@gmail.com)
  - e. Student Advocacy Committee
    - i. If you have any projects that are student advocacy related, please let me know and we will try to help you out.
    - ii. Please email me regarding your Dean meetings where I look into what was spoken in those meetings.
    - iii. If you have any questions, please contact [sga.sacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sga.sacommittee@gmail.com)
  - f. Graduate and Professional Students Committee
    - i. I am happy to announce that we received the approval increase in the graduate stipends of 3% starting Fall 2019. There might be a higher increase for some schools, but it is not final.
    - ii. GPSC SIPA Graduate Scholar on Wednesday from 1:30-3pm.
    - iii. We need volunteer for GSAW, if you are interested please let me know.
    - iv. If you have any questions, please contact [GPSC@fiu.edu](mailto:GPSC@fiu.edu)
- VIII. Executive Board Reports
- a. Speaker of the Senate Aquino
    - i. No report.
    - ii. If you have any questions, please email [sgaspeaker@fiu.edu](mailto:sgaspeaker@fiu.edu)
  - b. Speaker Pro Tempore Ahmadinejad
    - i. No report.
    - ii. If you have any questions, please email [sgaprotemp@fiu.edu](mailto:sgaprotemp@fiu.edu)
  - c. President Rosell
    - i. No report.
    - ii. If you have any questions, please email [sgapres@fiu.edu](mailto:sgapres@fiu.edu)
  - d. Vice President Hernandez
    - i. Currently working on Recharge for Finals.
      - 1. Extended the time for coffee from 2-6pm on Monday - Thursday.
    - ii. BSU will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary next Monday.
    - iii. FIU Day tomorrow please don't forget to stop by the GC pit.
    - iv. If you have any questions, please email [sgavp@fiu.edu](mailto:sgavp@fiu.edu)
  - e. Comptroller Correa
    - i. No report.
    - ii. If you have any questions, please email [sgacomp@fiu.edu](mailto:sgacomp@fiu.edu)
  - f. Chief Justice Rodriguez
    - i. No report.
    - ii. If you have any questions, please email [sgajud@fiu.edu](mailto:sgajud@fiu.edu)
- IX. Special Orders
- a. There were none.

- X. Vetoed Legislation
  - a. There were none.
- XI. Second Readings
  - a. There were none.
- XII. Unfinished Business
  - a. There were none.
- XIII. New Business
  - a. Emoluments Proposal

*Point of Personal Privilege for Jam Khan Aleem Nawaz at 4:22 pm; Dismissed.*

- i. Senator Ingraham moves to go into a 15 minute discussion on Emoluments Proposal. Senator Larson seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- ii. Senator Larson moves to extend discussion period by 20 minutes. Senator Ingraham seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- iii. Senator Kelly moves to extend discussion period by 10 minutes. Senator Larson seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- iv. Senator Duncan moves to go into voting procedure. Senator Arzola seconds the motion. Motion passes.

VOTE ON APPROVAL OF THE EMOLUMENTS PROPOSAL				
First Name	Last Name	Attendance	Vote	REASON
Mitra	Ahmadinejad	P	Y	
Angel	Algarin	A		
Stacey	Alpert	P	Y	
Brandon	Aquino	P	Y	
Alejandro	Arzola	P	Y	
Daniel	Beltran	P	N	
Danny	De Leon	A		
Dustin	Duncan	P	Y	
Dianelis	Hernandez	P	Y	
Samuel	Hernandez	P	Y	
Ana	Hevia	P	Y	
Rose	Ingraham	P	N	
Jai	Jethani	P	Y	
Charles	Kelly	P	Y	
Jam	Khan Aleem Nawaz	A		
Dimitri	Lampru	P	Y	
Victoria	Larson	P	N	
Constance	Lee	A		
Carolina	Machin	P	Y	
Dominique	Macon	A		
Anthony	Membreno	P	Y	

Ariadna	Natteri	A		
David	Nivia	A		
LeChara	Pryor	P	N	
Amelia	Raudales	P	Y	
Rebecca	Sanchez	A		
Samuel	Santos	P	N	
Jessica	Spencer	P	A	Was not present for the whole discussion
Luis	Suarez	A		
Bertha	Vera	A		
Leila	Zahedi	P	Y	
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<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</b>		<b>YAY</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>PASS</b>
		<b>NAY</b>	<b>5</b>	
		<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>1</b>	

**v. Emoluments Proposal Approved.**

b. Confirmation of the Graduate Secretary - Mariam Rafieifar

*Point of Personal Privilege for Senator Arzola at 5:11 PM; Returned at 5:14 PM.*

*Point of Personal Privilege for Senator Jethani at 5:11 PM; Returned at 5:16 PM.*

*Point of Personal Privilege for Senator Membreno; Dismissed at 5:11PM.*

- i. Presentation Period
- ii. Question and Answer Period
  - 1. Senator Duncan moves to close question and answer period. Senator Ingraham seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- iii. Senator Ingraham moves to go into voting procedure. Senator Duncan seconds the motion. Motion passes.

<b>VOTE ON CONFIRMATION OF MARIAM FROM GRADUATE SECRETARY</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Mitra	Ahmadinejad	P	A	recommended for the position
Angel	Algarin	A		
Stacey	Alpert	P	Y	
Brandon	Aquino	P	Y	
Alejandro	Arzola	P	A	Was not present for the whole discussion

Daniel	Beltran	P	Y	
Danny	De Leon	A		
Dustin	Duncan	P	Y	
Dianelis	Hernandez	P	Y	
Samuel	Hernandez	P	Y	
Ana	Hevia	P	Y	
Rose	Ingraham	P	Y	
Jai	Jethani	P	A	Was not present for the whole discussion
Charles	Kelly	P	Y	
Jam	Khan Aleem Nawaz	A		
Dimitri	Lampru	P	Y	
Victoria	Larson	P	Y	
Constance	Lee	A		
Carolina	Machin	P	Y	
Dominique	Macon	A		
Anthony	Membreno	A		
Ariadna	Natteri	A		
David	Nivia	A		
LeChara	Pryor	P	Y	
Amelia	Raudales	P	Y	
Rebecca	Sanchez	A		
Samuel	Santos	P	Y	
Jessica	Spencer	P	Y	
Luis	Suarez	A		
Bertha	Vera	A		
Leila	Zahedi	P	Y	
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<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</b>		<b>YAY</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>PASS</b>
		<b>NAY</b>	<b>0</b>	
		<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>3</b>	

**1. Maryam Rafieifar Confirmed as Graduate Secretary**

c. Confirmation of Secretary of Governmental Relations - Alexandra Valdes

*Point of Personal Privilege for Senator Kelly at 5:17 PM; Returned at 5:20 PM.*

*Point of Personal Privilege for Senator Lampru at 5:17 PM; Returned at 5:20 PM.*

- i. Presentation Period
- ii. Question and Answer Period
  - 1. Senator Ingraham moves to close question and answer period.  
Senator Duncan seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- iii. Senator Arzola moves to go into voting procedure. Senator Duncan seconds the motion. Motion passes.

<b>VOTE ON CONFIRMATION OF ALEXANDRA VALDES AS SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS</b>				
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Mitra	Ahmadinejad	P	Y	
Angel	Algarin	A		
Stacey	Alpert	P	Y	
Brandon	Aquino	P	Y	
Alejandro	Arzola	P	Y	
Daniel	Beltran	P	Y	
Danny	De Leon	A		
Dustin	Duncan	P	Y	
Dianelis	Hernandez	P	Y	
Samuel	Hernandez	P	Y	
Ana	Hevia	P	Y	
Rose	Ingraham	P	Y	
Jai	Jethani	P	Y	
Charles	Kelly	P	A	Was not present for the whole discussion
Jam	Khan Aleem Nawaz	A		
Dimitri	Lampru	P	A	Was not present for the whole discussion
Victoria	Larson	P	Y	
Constance	Lee	A		
Carolina	Machin	P	Y	
Dominique	Macon	A		
Anthony	Membreno	A		
Ariadna	Natteri	A		
David	Nivia	A		
LeChara	Pryor	P	Y	
Amelia	Raudales	P	Y	
Rebecca	Sanchez	A		
Samuel	Santos	P	N	
Jessica	Spencer	P	Y	

Luis	Suarez	A		
Bertha	Vera	A		
Leila	Zahedi	P	Y	
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<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</b>		<b>YAY</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>PASS</b>
		<b>NAY</b>	<b>1</b>	
		<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>2</b>	

**1. Alexandra Valdes Confirmed as Secretary of Governmental Relations**

d. Senator Ingraham moves to go into a 10 minute discussion period on the line item approval for emoluments. Senator Larson seconds. Motion passes.

*Point of Personal Privilege for Samuel Hernandez at 5:35 PM; Returned at 5:40 PM.*

- i. Senator Arzola moves to extend discussion period by 5 minutes. Senator Duncan seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- ii. Senator Larson moves to extend discussion period by 5 minutes. Senator Jethani seconds the motion. Motion passes.
- iii. Senator Kelly moves to review the 2019-2020 MMC Campus Specific Budget. Senator Duncan seconds the motion. Motion passes.

e. Review of the 2019-2020 MMC Campus Specific Budget.

- i. Comptroller Correa presents the 2019-2020 MMC Campus Specific Budget.

f. Senator Larson moves to extend Senate by 5 minutes. Senator Duncan seconds the motion. Motion passes.

XIV. Advisor Report

- a. No report.
- b. If you have any questions, please email [mimcast@fiu.edu](mailto:mimcast@fiu.edu)

XV. Public Forum

- a. There was none.

XVI. Senate Forum

- a. There was none.

XVII. Announcements

- a. Senator Ingraham - I am planning an event for the Honors College for an alumni panel. Details still in the works.

XVIII. Adjournment

- a. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:07 PM.