



# Senatorial Records

*The Proceedings and Debate of the 1st Session of the  
Student Government Association Senate  
– Spring Session*

Zoom, Monday, February 15, 2021

- I. Welcome & Call to Order
  - a. The Senate met at and was called to order by the Senate President, Janelle Fraga at 4:01pm
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance, senator Khalil 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		
Amanda	Ramirez	p
Amelia	Raudales	P
Ari	Salzman	P
Ashley	Nuñez	P
Brianna	Pumariiega	p
Bryan	Gomez	P
Carlos	Ortiz	P
Christian	Perez	p
Cristhofer	Lugo	P
VACANT	VACANT	
DaMarcus	Snipes	p
VACANT	VACANT	
Alexander	Sutton	P
Fiorella	Biagoni	p
Hiba	Khalil	P
VACANT	VACANT	
VACANT	VACANT	

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
VACANT	VACANT	
Nicholas	Velazquez	
Nicholas	Pastrana	P
Nitya	Ramalingam	P
Rafael	Vasquez	P
Salma	Atassi	P
Sandro	Alvarez	P
Sergio	Reyes	a
Shahnawaz	Rafi	p
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<b>SENATE SEATS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</b>
<b>VACANT SEATS</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>SENATORS PRESENT</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>AMT FOR QUORUM</b>	<b>15</b>	

- III. Approval of the Minutes from February 8, 2021
  - a. senator sutton moves to approve the agenda from february 8th, senator ortiz seconds, motion passes
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. senator salzman moves to adopt todays agenda, senator sutton seconds, motion passes
- V. Invited Speakers
  - a. Dr. Kenneth Jessell - Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Appropriations Committee
    - i. we will be meeting on thursdays at 1pm
    - ii. senator velazquez is our vice chair!
    - iii. an invitation was sent to comptroller Rubido as well to discuss budgets
    - iv. If you have any questions, please contact [sgafinance@fiu.edu](mailto:sgafinance@fiu.edu)
  - b. Committee on Rules and Administration
    - i. meetings are on mondays from 2:30-3:30pm

- ii. If you have any questions, please contact [sgarules@fiu.edu](mailto:sgarules@fiu.edu)
  - c. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
    - i. meeting times will be after senate
    - ii. If you have any questions, please contact
  - d. Student Health and Well-being Committee
    - i. meetings will be on mondays at 3:20 before senate
    - ii. we have begun brainstorming possible legislation
    - iii. Senator Pumariega is our new vice chair!
    - iv. If you have any questions, please contact
  - e. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
    - i. meetings will be wednesdays at 3-4pm
    - ii. Christofer Lugo is our new vice chair!
    - iii. If you have any questions, please contact [sgaadvocacy@fiu.edu](mailto:sgaadvocacy@fiu.edu)
  - f. Graduate and Professional Students Committee
    - i. finished abstract rubric, extended dealing for 2nd round of abstracts to february 17th
    - ii. finished purchase request for charger cables to give away during GSAW
    - iii. finishing meet your dean event preperations as well as gradskeller preparations
    - iv. If you have any questions, please contact [GPSCchair@fiu.edu](mailto:GPSCchair@fiu.edu)
- VII. Executive Board Reports
  - a. Senate President Fraga
    - i. Interviews for vacancies are currently being conducted!
    - ii. If you have any questions, please email [sgasenatep@fiu.edu](mailto:sgasenatep@fiu.edu)
  - a. Senate President Pro Tempore Gomez
    - i. budgets are continuing this week with deliberations!
    - ii. our next meeting is on wednesday, we highly encourage everyone to attend!
    - iii. i would like to ask the senate for a 5-10 minute discussion on how senate president Fraga and i can help you all write legislation
    - i. If you have any questions, please email [sgaprotemp@fiu.edu](mailto:sgaprotemp@fiu.edu)
  - b. Floor Leader Giacomo Natteri
    - i. reminder that everyone should have submitted their office hours
    - ii. i am also here for anyone who needs help writing legislation
    - iii. If you have any questions, please email [sgafloor@fiu.edu](mailto:sgafloor@fiu.edu)
  - c. President Valdes
    - i. echoing the sentiments of senate president pro temp Gomez, budgets are going on and it would be great for everyone to witness and learn!
    - ii. women empowerment session will be next thursday
    - iii. If you have any questions, please email [sgapres@fiu.edu](mailto:sgapres@fiu.edu)
  - d. Vice President Ibarria
    - i. february 23rd 11am-2pm is SGA study break
      - 1. chief of staff sent a doodle for attendance
    - ii. if you have any questions, please email [sgavp@fiu.edu](mailto:sgavp@fiu.edu)
  - e. Comptroller Rubido
    - i. If you have any questions, please email [sgacomptroll@fiu.edu](mailto:sgacomptroll@fiu.edu)
  - f. Executive Administrator Vale
    - i. met with teresa shuster and discussed events going on in SGA
      - 1. ill be meeting with her again soon to promote sga initiatives

- ii. If you have any questions, please email [sgaexecadmin@fiu.edu](mailto:sgaexecadmin@fiu.edu)
  - g. Biscayne Bay Governor Ofano
    - i. applications for lieutenant governor will be opening up soon!
      - 1. at least 20% of classes must be taken at BBC
    - ii. keep an eye out for great events coming up!
    - iii. If you have any questions, please email [sgagovernor@fiu.edu](mailto:sgagovernor@fiu.edu)
  - h. Chief Justice De La Osa
    - i. If you have any questions, please email [sgajud@fiu.edu](mailto:sgajud@fiu.edu)
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
- IX. Unfinished Business
- X. Second Readings
- XI. New Business
  - a. Confirmation - Secretary of Veterans Affairs
    - i. Matthew Debord
    - ii. senate president pro tempore Gomez moves to table confirmation until next week, senator pastrana seconds, motion passes
  - b. Review of New Legislation Templates
  - c. senate president pro tempore gomez moves to enter discussion, senator burgos seconds, motion passes
  - d. senate president pro tempore gomez moves to open discussion for 10 minutes on how senate leadership can help senators write legislations, senator burgos seconds. motion passes
  - e. senator nunez moves to extend discussion by 10 minutes, senate president pro temp gomez seconds, motion passes.
  - f. senate president pro temp gomez moves to have a 5 minute discussion about the legislative branch, senator lugo seconds, motion passes
  - g. senator ortiz moves to extend discussion by 2 minutes, senate president pro tempore gomez seconds. motion passes
  - h. senator correa moves to extend discussion by 4 minutes, senator ramirez seconds. motion passes
  - i. senator nunez moves to issue a subpoena ad testificandum for Chief Justice De La Osa
- XII. Public Forum
- XIII. Senate Forum
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- XIV. Announcements
- XV. Advisor Report
  - a. SGA was invited to 5th annual faculty event. keynote speaker wanted to invite SGA. ill forward an email for any who wish to attend to sign up
- XVI. Adjournment
  - a. The Senate President adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm