



# Senatorial Records

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

Zoom, Monday, February 8, 2021

- I. Welcome & Call to Order
  - a. The Senate met at and was called to order by the Senate President, 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		
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
VACANT	VACANT	
DaMarcus	Snipes	p
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Alexander	Sutton	P
Fiorella	Biagoni	p
Hiba	Khalil	P
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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	A
Sandro	Alvarez	P
Sergio	Reyes	P
Shahnawaz	Rafi	P
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<b>VACANT SEATS</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>SENATORS PRESENT</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>AMT FOR QUORUM</b>	<b>15</b>	

- III. Approval of the Minutes from February 2, 2021
  - a. senator lugo moves to approve minutes from february 2nd, senator ortiz seconds. motion passes
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. senator lugo moves to adopt todays agenda, senator castelli seconds, motion passes
- V. Invited Speakers
  - a. Student Programming Council - Natalie Lamas
    - i. e-board applications have opened today february 8th
    - ii. an email was sent through campus life with details of events mentioned
  - b. CARTA Black History Initiatives - Juliette Saint Louis
    - i. there is a calendar of events on the CARTA website, which features many different online and offline events.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Appropriations Committee
    - i. we will be meeting on Thursdays at 5pm
    - ii. If you have any questions, please contact [sgafinance@fiu.edu](mailto:sgafinance@fiu.edu)
  - b. Committee on Rules and Administration
    - i. will work with committee to work out best time for meetings
    - ii. If you have any questions, please contact [sgarules@fiu.edu](mailto:sgarules@fiu.edu)

- c. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
    - i. will be making group chat today and when is the best time to meet
    - ii. If you have any questions, please contact
  - d. Student Health and Well-being Committee
    - i. will discuss meeting times as well, we all look forward to working with one another!
    - ii. If you have any questions, please contact
  - e. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
    - i. If you have any questions, please contact [sgaadvocacy@fiu.edu](mailto:sgaadvocacy@fiu.edu)
  - f. Graduate and Professional Students Committee
    - i. fixed gradskeller date
    - ii. If you have any questions, please contact [GPSCchair@fiu.edu](mailto:GPSCchair@fiu.edu)
- VII. Executive Board Reports
- a. Senate President Fraga
    - i. If you have not submitted your office hours, Senator Natteri will be contacting you
    - ii. Interviews for vacancies are currently being conducted!
    - i. If you have any questions, please email [sgaspeaker@fiu.edu](mailto:sgaspeaker@fiu.edu)
  - a. Senate President Pro Tempore Gomez
    - i. its important we stay vigilant in writing legislation amidst all the new changes to the constitution. please do not hesitate to reach out to senate leadership for any help!
    - ii. If you have any questions, please email [sgaprotemp@fiu.edu](mailto:sgaprotemp@fiu.edu)
  - b. Floor Leader Giacomo Natteri
    - i. id like to echo the sentiments of the senate president and pro tempore.
    - ii. ill be reaching out to those who have not completed their office hours
  - c. President Valdes
    - i. sga study break on the 23rd from 11am-2pm. the chief of staff will send out a message
    - ii. planning a shuttle from BBC to MMC for athletic events
    - iii. women empowerment event is at 3pm on the 25th
    - iv. If you have any questions, please email [sgapres@fiu.edu](mailto:sgapres@fiu.edu)
  - d. Vice President Ibarria
    - i. i hope to see you all at our various events!
    - ii. id like to get the word out on social media about our study session, if anyone wants to collaborate please reach out
    - iii. if you have any questions, please email [sgavp@fiu.edu](mailto:sgavp@fiu.edu)
  - e. Comptroller Rubido
    - i. first budget hearings are this week
    - ii. next week is deliberations, we encourage you all to attend to see how our budget gets allocated!
    - iii. If you have any questions, please email [sgacomptroll@fiu.edu](mailto:sgacomptroll@fiu.edu)
  - f. Chief Justice De La Osa
    - i. will create a presentation explaining the constitution to our fellow justices, if anyone wants to attend i will send the link
    - ii. 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 - Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus
  - i. Keanu Orfano
  - ii. senator lugo moves to close q&a session, senator burgos seconds, motion passes.
  - iii. senator burgos moves to go into voting, senator lugo seconds. motion passes.
  - iv. senator lugo moves to vote by unanimous consent, senator burgos seconds. motion passes
  - v. Keanu Orfano is confirmed!
- b. Deputy Chief of Staff
  - i. Elisabeth Nylander
  - ii. senator lugo moves to close q&a, senator alvarez seconds. motion passes
  - iii. senator lugo movies to go into voting, senator alvarez seconds. motion passes
  - iv. senator lugo movies to vote by unanimous consent, comptroller rubido seconds. motion passes
  - v. Elisabeth Nylander is confirmed!
- c. Confirmation - Secretary of Online and Remote Learning
  - i. Rachel Lopez
    - 1. senator lugo moves to close q&a, senator sutton seconds. motion passes
    - 2. senator sutton moves to go into voting, senator lugo seconds. motion passes.
    - 3. senator lugo moves to vote by unanimous consent, senator ortiz seconds, motion passes.
    - 4. rachel lopez is confirmed!
- d. Confirmation - Secretary of Diversity and Inclusion
  - i. Cherlyne Jean-Louis
  - ii. senator nunez moves to close q&a, senator ramirez seconds. motion passes
  - iii. senator ortiz moves to go into a 7 minute discussion, senator sutton seconds. motion passes.
  - iv. speaker pro temp gomez moves to extend discussion by 3 minutes, senator lugo seconds. motion passes.
  - v. senator nunez moves to extend discussion by 3 minutes, senator lugo seconds. motion passes.
  - vi. senator lugo moves to go into voting, senator sutton seconds. motion passes.

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XII. Public Forum

XIII. Senate Forum

- a. senator magee brought up a question as to whether or not we can have another senate retreat. senate president fraga is working on a working senate to help senators understand better the new constitution and statutes.
- b. senator lugo updated the senate on his previous meetings. specifically on his SPOT survey initiative. there will be a year long revival process.
- c. another initiative senator lugo mentioned was in regards to the basketball courts at the WRC so there can be greater student engagement
- d. senator lugo and senator sutton plan to work on legislation
- e. campus beautification is a priority
- f. senator sutton spoke with housing officials to further their initiatives. specifically with getting free laundry for housing students
  - i. reopening of lounges will be taking place soon

XIV. Announcements

XV. Advisor Report

- a. political party form is now available
- b. elections applications are available next tuesday until march 3rd

XVI. Adjournment

- a. The Senate President adjourned the meeting at 5:52pm