



## Student Body Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: March 7th, 2022

### I. Call to Order

A. Meeting Called to Order at: 4:06 p.m.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance

1. VP Ibarria leads: "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

Name	Position	Attendance
Vacant	BBC Housing	Vacant
Jordan Castelli	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Daniella Mederos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent
Delano Cicconi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Nicolas Marquez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Kaitlyn Coll	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
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Dylan Salem	College of Business	Present
Aiden Mueller	College of Business	Absent
Mariapaz Grijalba	College of Business	Present
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant
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Gabriela Tovar	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent
Nicholas Ramirez	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present
Cristhofer Lugo	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent
Fernando Melara	College of Engineering and Computing	Present
Hervangelot Lordeus	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent
Natalie Meneses	College of Engineering and Computing	Present

Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant
Vacant	College of Law	Vacant
Manuela Jaramillo	College of Medicine	Absent
Joshua Lovo-Morales	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present
Tyra Moss	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent
Joshua Mandall	Graduate School	Present
Yendy Gonzalez	Graduate School	Absent
Kehinde Alawode	Graduate School	Present
Karim Mostafa	Graduate School	Present
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Zoilo Batista	Lower Division MMC	Absent
Jacob Bharat	MMC Housing	Present
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Vacant	Online Student	Vacant
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David Luis	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
Manuel Soltero	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant
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Rodrigo Alea	Upper Division MMC	Present
Nicholas Pastrana	Upper Division MMC	Present

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

A. Senator Luis moves to approve last meetings minutes 2/28/2022. Senator mandall seconds. Motion passes

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Senator Sutton moves to adopt todays agenda 3/7/2022. Senator Luis seconds. Motion passes.

V. Invited Speakers

A. None

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Appropriations Committee
    - 1. New appropriation should be coming up for a vote in senate within a few weeks
  - B. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
    - 1. Approved two legislations and we are also working on GradSkeller event
  - C. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
  - D. Health and Well-Being Committee
    - 1. Completing doodle for meeting times
    - 2. Appropriation for school of nursing is still underway. A poll will be sent to determine interest
  - E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
    - 1. Went over everything for food pantry drive
    - 2. Also discussed other concerns students are facing
  - F. Committee on Rules and Administration
    - 1. No updates on legislative idea form
    - 2. Reached out to vice chair for ideas on different initiatives
- VII. Executive Board Reports
- A. Student Body President
    - 1. Where are the cuts the senate would like to see so the budget committee can go back and see what we can do?
    - 2. Senator mandall: perhaps SPC could be cut because they are double funded
    - 3. Senator luis: RSO funding could also be cut to help accommodate entities like GPSC
    - 4. Senator salem: I would like to fund progressive organizations
    - 5. Senator bharat: I propose we do not cut organization because they are vital for campus life and marginalized communities.
    - 6. Senator Cicconi: perhaps the children's creative learning center
    - 7. Senator luis: order of the torch should be zero funded because other schools with a similar program have managed fine without funding
    - 8. Senator Sutton: we could possibly cut ROSC, I would like to confer with the chair of GPSC to see how much they think will be necessary. It does not all need to be cut from one entity, we could possibly cut less from multiple entities
      - a) Chair mandall: the reason I am requesting the max budget is because programming takes up almost 2/3 of the budget, we are expected to increase the cost of programming as well as travel funds.

9. Senator Gonzalez: could you clarify if there were organizations that received full funding while others decreased by 50%?
  10. Senator mostafa: how much was the homecoming request last year?
    - a) About 500,000 dollars
  11. Senator mostafa: and this year there was a cut?
    - a) Yes
  12. Senator Cicconi: is there an organization that takes priority over another?
    - a) Each organization is equally important, no entity is funded because they are “more important” than another.
  13. Senator Luis: what entities within the budget should NOT be touched? I believe these organizations are the ASBO office, BSU, CCIC, FIU-I75, FIU online, office of ombudsperson, FIU in DC, PSU, three SGA office and room rental agreements
  14. Senator Sutton: what are the rules regarding using ACB money to fund student travel? What is the precenent for recommendations that ACB be used to fund?
    - a) I cant give you the number of how much is left, but ACB funds cannot be utilized for an entitiy already funded. This is considered double dipping.
- B. Senate President
1. Meet your dean even is coming up soon
  2. Meet your dean appropriation is next week
- C. Senate President Pro-Tempore
1. Food pantry drive begins on march 14<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Link for food pantry doodle will be sent out. This is a mandatory event
  3. A list of food items will be sent out so senators can repost and bring appropriate food items
- D. Senate Floor Leader
- E. Student Body Vice President
1. Working on recharge for finals! If anyone wants to help out please reach out
- F. Comptroller
- G. Executive Administrator
- H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus
1. Networking events starting the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. If anyone in senate is interested please reach out.
- I. Chief of Staff
- J. Chief Justice

VIII. Vetoed Legislation

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IX. Unfinished Business

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X. New Business

A. 2022-2023 SGA Budget Allocation

1. President Rubido went over line items and allocations.
2. Senator Sutton moves to enter 5 minute q&a period. Senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes.
3. Senator Sutton moves for a 10 minute extension on discussion, senator Bharat seconds. Motion passes.
4. Senator luis moves to extend discussion by 5 minutes, senator Sutton seconds, motion passes
5. Senator luis moves to go into roll call vote for the budget, senate president pastrana seconds. Motion passes

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## XI. Public Forum

- A. Ukrainian students spoke to the senate about what actions could be taken to help show support for the catastrophe taking place in Ukraine. Possibly organizing events that bring awareness to humanitarian crisis. Establishing a fundraiser team to send medical supplies to Ukraine is also a high priority. Financial statuses of Ukrainian students in

FIU is also a critical situation. If this catastrophe continues, many Ukrainian students will not be able to pay for their next semesters. Scholarship offices have not been much help.

XII. Announcements

A. none

XIII. Advisor Reports

A. Larissa: for the committees who have met, please do not forget to submit your minutes from the meetings.

1. Those who I emailed regarding HR paperwork please respond

XIV. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting Adjourned at 5:29 p.m.