



Student Body Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: July 12, 2021

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting Called to Order at: 4:05 p.m.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance

1. Senator Castelli led us into the pledge "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
Christine Rubido	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Daniela Cruz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Gabriela Alvarez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Jordan Castelli	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Natalie Reymundo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Selina McFeeley	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent
Tyler Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent
Alex Benin	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Edward Hernandez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant
Valentina Cassanova	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Alejandro Suarez	College of Business	Absent
Kristina Khudiakova	College of Business	Absent
Mariapaz Grijalba	College of Business	Present
Sachi Perris	College of Business	Present

Sergio Reyes	College of Business	Present
Gabriela Tovar	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present
Ivette Suarez	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent
Cristhofer Lugo	College of Engineering and Computing	Present
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	
Hervangelot Lordeus	College of Engineering and Computing	Present
Natalie Meneses	College of Engineering and Computing	Present
Celesse Temes	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present
Natalie Lahera	College of Law	Present
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
Vacant	Graduate School	Vacant
Vacant	Graduate School	Vacant
Vacant	Graduate School	Vacant
Vacant	Graduate School	Vacant
Alexander Collado	Honors College	Present
Vacant	Lower Division BBC	Vacant
Vacant	Lower Division MMC	Vacant
Jacob Bharat	MMC Housing	Present
Sebastian Aviles	MMC Housing	Present
Taylor Sokolosky	MMC Housing	Present

Vacant	Online Student	Vacant
Alexander Sutton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
David Luis	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
Sadie Testa-Secca	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant
	Upper Division MMC	Vacant
Nicholas Pastrana	Upper Division MMC	Present
TOTAL NUMBER OF SENATORS PRESENT		27
TOTAL NUMBER OF SENATORS ABSENT		7
TOTAL NUMBER OF SENATE SEATS VACANT		12
Quorum Established		

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

A. 6/28/2021

Senator Lugo motions, Senator Castelli seconds. Motion Passes

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A.

V. Invited Speakers

A. None

VI. Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee

- Met last week. Pass bill, \$3000 for senator retreat, passed.

B. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

- Meeting next week

C. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

- Meeting every tuesday at 6, first meeting today

D. Health and Well-Being Committee

- Meeting after senate, voting on legislation, will update
- E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 - Meeting tomorrow, voting on legislation, will continue discussing
- F. Committee on Rules and Administration
 - Meeting today at 5
- VII. Executive Board Reports
 - A. Student Body President
 - Presidents roundtable: Student organization presidents met discussing engagement and marketing strategies, communication, presentation on campus events (tailgates, activities)
 - B. Senate President
 - If you have not filled out senate retreat form, please do so. If not attending please inform mariapaz.
 - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore
 - Please fill out the forum and send excuses for retreat if not attending
 - D. Senate Floor Leader
 - Reaching out to senators
 - Make group chats to share ideas amongst each other to prep for Fall semester
 - Email sga@fu.edu for any questions or concerns
 - E. Student Body Vice President
 - Working on women empowerment series - starting up in september
 - Thank you to those who replied to whatsapp message
 - Please repost/interact with Sophomore Takeover video once it's up on the SGA IG
 - F. Comptroller
 - G. Executive Administrator
 - H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus
 - Environmental lecture: Creatures of the Darkness - please join us and share!
 - Planning week of welcome event over at BBC - Pool party, more details to come!
 - I. Chief of Staff
 - 4 people for cabinet confirmation, more confirmations next week
 - Should have a full cabinet before the Fall Semester
 - J. Chief Justice

VIII. Vetoed Legislation

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IX. Unfinished Business

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X. New Business

A. Confirmation of Zoilo Batista for Lower Division Senator vacancy

- Unanimous Voting
- Zoilo Batista is confirmed for Lower Division Senator

B. Confirmation of Daniela Mederos for CASE Senator vacancy

- Senator Lugo moves to skip Q&A Session
- Senator Lugo moves to vote by unanimous, Senator Luis seconds. Motion passes
- Daniela Mederos is confirmed for CASE Senator

C. Confirmation of Ryan Vidal for Elections Commissioner

- Senator Lugo moves to close Q&A session, Senator Lugo seconds.
- Ryan Vidal is confirmed for Elections Commissioner

Name	Position	Vote	Abstention Reason
Vacant	BBC Housing		
Christine Rubido	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yea	
Daniela Cruz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yea	
Gabriela Alvarez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yea	
Jordan Castelli	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yea	
Natalie Reymundo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yea	
Selina McFeeley	College of Arts Sciences and	Abstain	

	Education		
Tyler Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Abstain	
Daniela Mederos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yea	
Edward Hernandez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Abstain	
Alex Benin	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yea	
Valentina Cassanova	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yea	
Sachi Peiris	College of Business	Yea	
Alejandro Suarez	College of Business	Abstain	
Kristina Khudiakova	College of Business	Abstain	
Mariapaz Grijalba	College of Business	Yea	
Rodrigo Alea	College of Business	Abstain	
Sergio Reyez	College of Business	Abstain	
Gabriela Tovar	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Yea	
Ivette Suarez	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Abstain	
Cristhofer Lugo	College of Engineering and Computing	Yea	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing		
Hervangelot Lordeus	College of Engineering and Computing	Yea	
Natalie Meneses	College of Engineering and	Yea	

	Computing		
Celesse Temes	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Yea	
Natalie Lahera	College of Law	Yea	
Manuela Jaramillo	College of Medicine	Abstain	
Joshua Lovo-Morales	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Yea	
Tyra Moss	College of Public Health and Social Work	Abstain	
Joshua Mandall	Graduate School	Yea	
Vacant	Graduate School		
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Alexander Collado	Honors College	Yea	
Vacant	Lower Division BBC		
Vacant	Lower Division MMC		
Jacob Bharat	MMC Housing	Yea	
Sebastian Aviles	MMC Housing	Abstain	
Taylor Sokolosky	MMC Housing	Yea	
Vacant	Online Student		
Alexander Sutton	School of International and Public Affairs	Yea	
David Luis	School of International and Public Affairs	Abstain	
Sadie Testa-Secca	School of International and Public Affairs	Yea	

Vacant	Upper Division BBC		
Vacant	Upper Division BBC		
Vacant	Upper Division MMC		
Nicholas Pastrana	Upper Division MMC	Yea	
TOTAL NUMBER OF SENATORS VOTING YEA		24	
TOTAL NUMBER OF SENATORS VOTING NAY		0	
TOTAL NUMBER OF SENATORS VOTING ABSTENTION		12	
Simple Majority		14	Passes
Simple Majority of Senate Membership		24	Passes
2/3 Majority		18	Passes
2/3 Majority of Senate Membership		31	Fails

- D. Confirmation of Samantha Castillo for Deputy Chief of Staff to the Vice President
- Senator Luis motions to bypass Q&A, Senator Castelli seconds. Motion Passes.
 - Senator Castelli moves to vote with unanimous voting. Giralba Seconds. Motion passes.
 - Samantha Castillo is confirmed for Deputy Chief of Staff to the Vice President
- E. Confirmation of Sabrina Cannata for Deputy Chief of Staff to the President
- Senator Lugo motions to bypass Q&A, Senator Castelli seconds. Motion Passes.
 - Senator Lugo moves to vote with unanimous voting. Castelli Seconds. Motion passes.
 - Sabrina Cannata is confirmed for Deputy Chief of Staff to the President
- F. Confirmation of Isabel Quintanilla for Deputy Chief of Staff of social media
- Senator Mandall motions to bypass Q&A, Sutton Castelli seconds. Motion Passes.
 - Senator Luis moves to vote with unanimous voting. Senator Lugo Seconds. Motion passes.
 - Isabel Quintanilla is confirmed for Deputy Chief of Staff of social media

XI. Public Forum

A. Adam Medina shares concerns on the closing of the FIU Pharmacy on-campus. Urges Senate to follow up on the reasoning/ decision making process for the closing of the pharmacy to prevent similar services from a similar event.

- Senator Lugo states that himself and a committee is working to make medicine more accessible for students using pharmabox (housing quad), looking into methods to transportation to where medications are provided.
- Senator Sutton adds that the freebee app can provide transportation from campus to local pharmacies (Walgreens).
- Senator Alvarez adds that her committee is working to advertise freebee to promote it as a more common way of transportation on campus.
- Senator Mandall introduces the idea to promote committee meetings open for the public
 - Senator Pastrana will work on advertising these meetings

XII. Announcements

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XIII. Advisor Reports

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XIV. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting Adjourned at 5:07 p.m.