



**Student Government
Association**

Student Body Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: August 30, 2021

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting Called to Order at: 4:14 p.m.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance

1. Senator Sutton led 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	Absent
Natalie Reymundo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Daniella Mederos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
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
Sachintcha Peiris	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	Absent
Natalie Lahera	College of Law	Present
Manuela Jaramillo	College of Medicine	Present
Joshua Lovo-Morales	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present
Tyra Moss--	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present
Joshua Mandall	Graduate School	Present
Vacant	Graduate School	Vacant
Vacant	Graduate School	Vacant
Vacant	Graduate School	Vacant
Vacant	Graduate School	Vacant
VACANT	Honors College	Vacant
Vacant	Lower Division BBC	Vacant
Zoilo Batista	Lower Division MMC	Present
Jacob Bharat	MMC Housing	Present
Sebastian Aviles	MMC Housing	Present
Taylor Sokolosky	MMC Housing	Absent
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. Senator luis moves to approve last meeting minutes (8/23/2021). Senator Aviles seconds. 8/23/2021

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Senator luis moves to adopt todays agenda. Senator batista seconds. Motion passes. 8/30/2021

V. Invited Speakers

- A. None.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Appropriations Committee
1. First meeting was a success
- B. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
1. Set up a meeting time and will begin coordinating
- C. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
1. First meeting went well
- D. Health and Well-Being Committee
1. Still waiting for scheduled meeting time
- E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
1. We will be meeting Tuesdays at noon
- F. Committee on Rules and Administration
1. Sent out google form for date and time.

VII. Executive Board Reports

- A. Student Body President
 - B. Senate President
 - 1. 5 more confirmations today, if there are questions please ask them, do not feel pressured.
 - 2. Submit office hours and committee meeting times.
 - 3. Senate will be at BBC sept 20th and nov 15th
 - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore
 - 1. If you know any of your fellow senators are not coming to senate, please reach out and make sure they can attend. If there is an excuse then it should be submitted to senate president pastrana
 - 2. Make sure to reach out to committee chairs in regards to meeting times. Its important to keep initiatives going
 - D. Senate Floor Leader
 - 1. Speaking on some of Roberts rules, if there is a motion for unanimous consent, we want to make sure no one feels pressured to vote unaminously. Your opinions and votes matter.
 - 2. In regards to legislation, there are many different avenues. If there is an idea brewing, talk to some fellow senators and brainstorm, then you can come to me and ill direct you to the proper administration.
 - E. Student Body Vice President
 - 1. Spots are open for student space improvement commission (outdoors specifically)
 - 2. If you or any senators you know would like to join, please reach out!
 - F. Comptroller
 - 1. Any questions about what I do or if you would like to help in any way, please feel free to reach out!
 - G. Executive Administrator
 - H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus
 - 1. Very excited to hear that senate will be in BBC within the next few months!
 - 2. Welcome back pool party was a tremendous success on Saturday. Thank you to all who attended and helped set up the event!
 - 3. Student health center can only have a provider two days a week due to personnel shortages.
 - I. Chief of Staff
 - J. Chief Justice
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
- A. None

IX. Unfinished Business

A. None

X. New Business

A. Confirmation of Rodrigo Alea for Upper Division Senator

1. Senator Aviles moves to end q&a period, senator Sutton seconds. Motion passes.
2. Senator Sutton moves to go into discussion, senator Aviles seconds. Motion passes
3. Senator Batista moves to vote by unanimous consent, senator Aviles seconds. Motion passes

B. Confirmation of Fernando Melara for College of Engineering and Computing Senator

1. Senator lordeus moves to extend q&a period by one minute, senator Sutton seconds. Motion passes.
2. Senator Sutton moves to enter a three minute discussion, senator mandall seconds. Motion passes.
3. Senator luis moves to vote by unanimous consent, senator lordeus seconds. Motion passes

C. Confirmation of Samantha Zawadzki to the post of Secretary of Online and Remote Engagement

1. Senator Aviles moves to extend q&a by 90 seconds. Senator luis seconds. Motion passes.
2. Senator peiris moves to enter a discussion for 2 minutes. Senator Sutton seconds. Motion passes
3. Senator luis moves to extend discussion for 2 minutes, ruled debilatory
4. Senator batista moves to vote by unaminous consent, vote is denied.

Name	Position	Vote
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 Education	Yea
Tyler Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	

Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	
Valentina Cassanova	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yea
Alejandro Suarez	College of Business	
Kristina Khudiakova	College of Business	
Mariapaz Grijalba	College of Business	Nay
Rodrigo Alea	College of Business	Yea
Sergio Reyes	College of Business	
Gabriela Tovar	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Yea
Ivette Suarez	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	
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 Computing	Yea
Celesse Temes	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Yea
Natalie Lahera	College of Law	Yea
Manuela Jaramillo	College of Medicine	Yea
Joshua Lovo-Morales	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Yea
Tyra Moss	College of Public Health and Social Work	
Joshua Mandall	Graduate School	Yea
Vacant	Graduate School	
Vacant	Graduate School	
Vacant	Graduate School	
Vacant	Graduate School	
Alexander Collado	Honors College	Yea
Vacant	Lower Division BBC	
Vacant	Lower Division MMC	
Jacob Bharat	MMC Housing	Yea
Sebastian Aviles	MMC Housing	Yea
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	Yea
Sadie Testa-Secca	School of International and Public Affairs	Yea

Vacant	Upper Division BBC	
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Marianne Ostos	Upper Division MMC	
Nicholas Pastrana	Upper Division MMC	Nay

With a 24-4 vote, motion passes

D. Confirmation of Fiorella Biagioni to the post of Secretary of Student Affairs

1. Senator Aviles moves to end q&a period. Senator Luis seconds. Motion passes.
2. Floor leader Lugo moves to enter discussion for 5 minutes, Senator Luis seconds. Motion passes.
3. Senator Batista moves to bypass discussion. Senator Aviles seconds. Motion passes
4. Senator Batista moves to vote by unanimous consent, Senator Sutton seconds. Motion passes

E. Confirmation of Miguel Lemus to the post of Secretary of Safety and Transportation

XI. Public Forum

- A. Senator Sutton: wanted to bring up a letter to the editor I sent, in regards to PantherNow and their article of Greek barbecue, my concern is that the journalistic standards were lacking since there did not appear to be any journalists at the event in particular.
- B. Floor leader Lugo: it is so great to see many of you interacting with each other and being active in our senate meetings!
- C. Senator Mandall: thank you to anyone who attended the social justice convention this past weekend!

XII. Announcements

- A.

XIII. Advisor Reports

- A. Larissa Adams: I will be on MMC campus all day every Monday if anyone needs any help
- B. With legislation, or most of any other SGA business, please CC Michelle and I in order to make sure we are in the loop to help you.

XIV. Meeting Adjournment

- A. Meeting Adjourned at 5:42 p.m.