



**Student Government
Association**

Student Body Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: August 23, 2021

I. Call to Order

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

B. The Pledge of Allegiance

1. VP "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
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	Present
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	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	Absent
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant
	Upper Division MMC	Vacant
Nicholas Pastrana	Upper Division MMC	Present

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

A. Senator castelli moves to approve minutes from 7/26/2021. Senator Sutton seconds, motion passes

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Senator luis moves to adopt the agenda of 8/23/2021. Senator reyes seconds. Motion passes.

V. Invited Speakers

A. State of Student Body Address

B. Jon Warech (Hillel)

VI. Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee

1. Scheduling meeting depending on availability of members

B. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

1. Meeting on Thursday at 12pm

C. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

1. Scheduling meeting time and date

D. Health and Well-Being Committee

1. Scheduling meeting time and date

E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee

1. Scheduling meeting time and date

F. Committee on Rules and Administration

1. No report

VII. Executive Board Reports

A. Student Body President

B. Senate President

1. Procedures for senate email was sent out. If there are any questions on procedures from office hours to dress code please feel free to reach out.
2. Open time clock will be used again to track office hours
3. Committees have been reorganized, all chairs and vice chairs stayed the same.

C. Senate President Pro-Tempore

1. If anyone is interested in joining housing committee please reach out to me.

D. Senate Floor Leader

1. If there are any questions about legislation you can get in contact with me to discuss our next moves

E. Student Body Vice President

1. If any senators want to show pride and post about the meeting on social media, it is encouraged! The official SGA media pages will happily repost!

F. Comptroller

G. Executive Administrator

1. Anything you want to report to PantherNow, I can coordinate it with you.
2. Oversee certain spaces in campus, if any spaces are of value to you reach out and we can work on initiatives for those spaces.

H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus

1. BBC events will be happening soon! We look forward to seeing you all there!
2. BBC pool party this weekend!

- I. Chief of Staff
 - 1. Two people coming up for confirmation today! New confirmations will also be taking place next week.
- J. Chief Justice
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
 - A. None
- IX. Unfinished Business
 - A. None
- X. New Business
 - A. Confirmation of Miriam Ramirez to the post of Secretary of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - 1. Senator Luis moves to bypass q&a. senator Reyes seconds. Motion passes
 - 2. Senator Aviles moves to go into voting, senator, castelli seconds.
 - a) Miriam Ramirez is confirmed unanimously.
 - B. Confirmation of Erich Valerdi to the post of Secretary of Government Relations
 - 1. Senator luis moves to bypass q&a period. Senator castelli seconds. Motion passes.
 - 2. Senator castelli moves to go into voting, senator Aviles moves to amend the motion to go into unanimous consent, senator lordeus seconds. Motion passes. Erich Valerdi is confirmed!
 - C. SR 02 001 – Condemnation of Anti-Semitism Resolution
 - 1. Senator Sutton moves to bypass second reading, senator batista seconds. Motion passes
 - 2. Senator Luis moves to go into 5 minute discussion period, senator Jaramillo seconds. Motion passes.
 - 3. Senator luis moves to amend the current resolution on the floor “where as following the public university system, SGA moves to adopt the amendment” senator Sutton seconds. Motion passes
 - 4. Senator Sutton moves to enter voting by unanimous consent, senator Batista seconds. Motion passes.
- XI. Public Forum
 - A.
- XII. Announcements
 - A. Senator Luis: this Friday will be a tailgating event that can be used as one of the five events for the semester we must attend.
 - B. Senator mandall: social justice summit this Friday at BBC

- C. Senator castelli: speaking on behalf of students with concerns about the Wertheim Conservatory repairs and whether or not there can be any action towards it
- XIII. Advisor Reports
 - A. Look out for emails from either larissa or michelle.
- XIV. Meeting Adjournment
 - A. Meeting Adjourned at 5:09 p.m.