



**Student Government  
Association**

Student Body Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: September 13, 2021

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting Called to Order at: 4:10 p.m.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance

1. "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	Absent
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	Absent
Daniella Mederos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent
Tyler Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Alex Benin	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent
Edward Hernandez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant
Valentina Cassanova	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Alejandro Suarez	College of Business	Present
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
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant
Cristhofer Lugo	College of Engineering and Computing	Present
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant
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	Absent
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
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	Absent
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

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- A. Senator castelli moves to approve minutes from 8/30/2021. Senator sutton seconds.  
Motion passes

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Senator sutton moves to adopt todays agenda (9/13/2021). Senator castelli seconds.  
Motion passes.

V. Invited Speakers

- A. ShellHacks presentation

Senator mederos present at 4:16pm

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Appropriations Committee
- B. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
- C. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
  - 1. Meeting at 3:30 on Wednesday
- D. Health and Well-Being Committee
  - 1. Voted on covid resilience act
  - 2. Spoke more about semester goals and voted in favor of Trans Athlete legislation
- E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
  - 1. Making things more accessible for students on campus, in particular working with Freebee app to help facilitate travel to student health center.
- F. Committee on Rules and Administration

VII. Executive Board Reports

- A. Student Body President
- B. Senate President
  - 1. How many have NOT submitted their office hours? We'll work on them together
  - 2. Meet your dean event will be october 14<sup>th</sup>, we are trying to get it to october 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 3. Next senate will be at BBC! If anyone wants to catch the bus to BBC with us at 3 we will happily take you!

Senator Jaramillo is present at 4:22pm

Senator Luis is present at 4:23pm

- C. Senate President Pro-Tempore
  - 1. I suggest taking time to get to BBC early next week! Many are unfamiliar with the campus so give yourself some time to find things
- D. Senate Floor Leader
  - 1. Lets pay attention during these legislations to keep discussions and conversations riveting and relevant
  - 2. Discussing certain meeting etiquette
- E. Student Body Vice President
  - 1. Working on events like recharge for finals, despite it still being early in the semester, this event requires preparations as early as now.
  - 2. Another event is late night breakfast, SGA leadership helps out and gives out meals for free to students studying
  - 3. Congrats to FIU for being in the top 100 universities in the country!
  - 4. Board of trustee meetings will be held tomorrow if anyone wants to view them
- F. Comptroller

- G. Executive Administrator
- H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus
  - 1. So excited to see everyone in person for senate next week at BBC!
  - 2. If anyone is interested to learn more about the campus please reach out!
  - 3. Working on more speakers for environmental resilience lectures
  - 4. Vaccinations going on at BBC are now only once a week. Every Wednesday from 9-5
- I. Chief of Staff
- J. Chief Justice
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
  - A. None
- IX. Unfinished Business
  - A. None
- X. New Business
  - A. Confirmation of Aiden Muller for College of Business Senator vacancy
    - 1. Senator sutton moves to extend q&a period by 1 minute, senator aviles seconds. Motion passes.
    - 2. Senator batista moves to go into discussion, senator castelli seconds. Motion passes
    - 3. Senator batista moves to go into 5 minute discussion, senator sutton seconds. Motion passes
    - 4. Senator castelli moves to close discussion, senator Rubido seconds. Motion passes
    - 5. Senator Batista moves to vote by unanimous consent, senator castelli seconds. Motion passes
  - B. Confirmation of Jean Rodriguez for Honors Senator vacancy
    - 1. Senator batista moves to enter 5 minute discussion period, senator castelli seconds. Motion passes
    - 2. Senator luis moves to vote by unanimous consent, senator castelli seconds. Motion passes.
  - C. S.R. 02 005 COVID-19 Resiliency Act
    - 1. Senator sutton moves to enter 5 minute discussion, senator castelli seconds. Motion passes
    - 2. Senator sutton moves to table this discussion until next week, senator Batista seconds. Motion passes.
  - D. S.R. 02 003 Supporting Trans Athletes' Rights (STAR)

1. Senator batista moves to table this resolution until next meeting, senator reyes seconds. Motion passes

XI. Public Forum

- A. None

XII. Announcements

A. Senate president pastrana:

1. If you'll be late to senate, please reach out to me so we know and can keep track
2. Make sure you prioritize these meetings and attend as many as you can (you should attend all the meetings)

B. Senator Luis

1. Possible resolution involving alumni will be in the works

C. Senator Castelli

1. While some people have adjusted to getting back offline, please show kindness to people who are new or who may not be familiar with campus.

D. Pro-Tempore Grijalba

1. There are jobs around looking to hire around campus! Encourage your friends to apply! FIU is a great place to work for

XIII. Advisor Reports

- A. Career readiness project coming up!

XIV. Meeting Adjournment

- A. Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.