



**Student Government
Association**

The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 20, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:00 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."

C. Alma Mater

1. "We pledge to thee dear FIU, with voices loud and true. Alma Mater falter never, shine forever Gold and Blue. We fly our banners high, every culture we embrace. All our love and Panther spirit, young and old we make this place. We hail together FIU, every scholar side by side. And we hail to Alma Mater, Alma Mater be our guide!"

II. Roll Call

Attendance			
Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Jabari Baptiste	BBC Housing	Absent	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Alisha Loiseau	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Paulina Marin	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Delano Cicconi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Nicolas Marquez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Kaitlyn Coll	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Scott Ahlren	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alexander Ramos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Samuel Morales	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alexandra Miqueli	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Adrian Rodriguez	College of Business	Present	

Aleck Estrada Arzamendi	College of Business	Present	
Martyna Reiban	College of Business	Present	
Ian Lares-Chacin	College of Business	Present	
Matthew Gaynor	College of Business	Present	
Isabel Quintanilla	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Fernando Melara Barahona	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Francesca Casanova	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Gabriel Rondon	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Grace Mccullough	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Cole Sebastian	College of Law	Absent	
Shebin George	College of Medicine	Absent	
Kenrik Chirinos	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	
Ahmend Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	
Arturo Barahona	University Graduate School	Present	
Nick Kukuk	University Graduate School	Present	
Victor Tuñon	Honors College	Present	
John Boris	Lower Division BBC	Absent	
Zachary Stangl	Lower Division MMC	Present	
Mia Rodriguez	MMC Housing	Present	
Sofia Castillo	MMC Housing	Present	
Alexander Stone	MMC Housing	Present	
Rubens Bravo	Online Student Senator	Present	
Alexander Sutton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Kaily LaChapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Manuel Soltero	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Imani Doss	Upper Division BBC	Absent	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	

Yishmael Columna	Upper Division MMC	Absent
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Absent

Quorum is Established	Present	32
	Absent	13
	Vacant	2

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

- A. Minutes from last meeting are approved

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Moving the Meet your dean act into unfinished business: Stays part of unfinished business
- B. Sen LeChapelle: MOTION: Add SR03014 Cant ban us vote to the agenda: MOTION PASSES
- C. Sen Moya Palacios: MOTION: Add SR03002 International students resolution to the agenda for the upcoming senate meeting: MOTION PASSES
- D. Pro temp Stengl: Adopt today's agenda: MOTION PASSES

V. Invited Speakers

- A. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado – Media Training: How to answer questions, present yourself, turn negatives into positives, etc.
- B. Daniel Salup-Cid: Wants to support Sen LaChappelle's act and represents the YDSA chapter at FIU
- C. Point of inquiry: Sen Reiban: Is the presenter talking as a student or a running candidate?
- D. Speaker: Student
- E. Sen Gaynor: Are you the speaker Jewish or are any of your colleagues Jewish?
- F. Speaker: The speaker is not Jewish but some of his colleagues are
- G. Sen Rodriguez: How the bill addresses FIU?
- H. Speaker: Because the bill addresses Freedom of Speech
- I. Sen Cicconi: Can you explain what the role of the rules committee is?
- J. Speaker: I don't have the mission statement of the rules committee, but you are there to refuse bills. If I'm wrong I will be happily corrected.

- K. Sen Tunon: Where did you hear that the rules committee voted to put this legislation down?
- L. Speaker: It was ruled down for political chargeless
- M. Sen Stone: Have you read the stop woke act in its entirety?
- N. Speaker: No but I understand what it's about regardless

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Appropriations Committee: Reviewed and passes two request which were Engineering competition and for a professional women's org
- B. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee: Passed the DACA assistance act, and finished drafting the international student counseling act and is ready to be sent out
- C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee: Presenting changes after spring break
- D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee: Discussing legislation later this week
- E. Health and Well-Being Committee: Meeting this Friday at 3pm on Zoom
- F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee: Passed three piece s of legislation Protecting our panthers act
- G. Committee on Rules and Administration: Considering changing time for the meetings. Passed the POP act, the DACA assistance act, and the meet your dean act. Failed the Can't ban us act
- H. Oversight Committee: Please attend Senate meetings, send in your minutes, and attend your office hours

VII. Executive Board Reports

- A. Student Body President Cristhofer Lugo: Activity and Service fee is currently \$14.45 this is used to help recreational sports and student government. For next fiscal year we have a projected 19.5 million. The budgets with all of the details have been sent to all senators.
- B. Senate President Alexander P. Sutton: No report
- C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Zachary Stangl: The reason why the meet your dean act advertisement was weaker because we just received our publication. Event is hosted on February 22nd (this Wednesday) GC243 from 6pm-8pm
- D. Senate Floor Leader Fernando Melara: No report
- E. Student Body Vice President Valentina Casanova: No report
- F. Comptroller Gabriela Alvarez: No report

- G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado: No report
 - H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Ava Barnd: No report
 - I. Chief of Staff Kyomi Cabral: No report
 - J. Chief Justice Sebastian Aviles: No report
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
- A. N/A
- IX. Unfinished Business
- A. SB 03 009: The Meet Your Dean Act of Spring 2023
 - B. MOTION: Sen Cicconi: 3 min discussion: MOTION PASSES
 - C. Sen Cicconi: We need more time for this to reach and be seen by students so we should move the event to a later date
 - D. MOTION: Pro Temp Stengl: Extend discussion by 3 min: MOTION PASSES
 - E. Pro Temp Stengl: The amount of money being spent is being thought of. As for moving the date, we emailed the deans months ago and they're ready to go. We look bad moving the date especially if the deans have gone out of their way to make themselves available.
 - F. MOTION: Sen Sutton Extend discussion period to 3 more minutes: MOTION FAILS
 - G. MOTION: Move to go into voting for a ROLL CALL VOTE ON SB 03 009: MOTION PASSES: LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ADOPTED
- X. New Business
- A. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 A&S Budget Allocation
 - B. Sen King: Absurd that BBC is only getting \$1500. MMC is the prioritized campus because they're the bigger campus with more students. BBC should get \$5000 as the bare minimum.
 - C. Pro Temp Stengl: Adjusting the BBC budget would be a mistake
 - D. Sen LaChapelle: Allocating money to make sure each organization is happy was very difficult. BBC should be funded more.
 - E. Sen Stone: BBC should be funded more and we should out ways for students to go to events
 - F. Sen Rodriguez: There are other ways to increase money besides the budget allocations
 - G. MOTION: Sen Stone: Bypass the discussion period and go into voting: MOTION PASSES

- H. MOTION: Sen King: Go into voting on the Budget by roll call vote: MOTION PASSES
- I. THIRD ROLE CALL VOTE ON BUDGET: BUDGET HAS BEEN APPROVED
- J. MOTION: Extend by 5 more minutes: MOTION FAILS
- K. SB 03 009: The Meet Your Dean Act of Spring 2023
- L. SR 03 012 The DACA Assistance Act
- M. SR 03 013: The POP Act
- XI. Public Forum
 - A. Carlos Almagro: Treasure of Panther Motorsports. We are asking for a lot because a lot of our sponsors are firing a lot of their employees. You guys a neglecting other organizations in terms of Engineering. FSAE are collaborating with Red Bull racing. We want engineering to be more represented and would like more money to be allocated towards us in order to properly operate
 - B. Brian Lavine: Former Governor of BBC campus: The cuts to the governor are unconstitutional. I've passed around papers for all of you to see.
 - C. MOTION: Extend Senate Meeting till 6:30pm: MOTION PASSES
 - D. MOTION: TABLE EVERYTHING IN NEW BUSINESS AFTER THE FISCAL YEARS 2023-2024 FOR NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 6: MOTION PASSES
- XII. Senate Forum
 - A. N/A
- XIII. Announcements
 - A. N/A
- XIV. Advisor Reports
 - A. Take your picture tomorrow from 11am-5pm at the office
 - B. Please save committee minutes in the appropriate folder
 - C. Meet your dean is on Wednesday
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
 - A. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.