



**Student Government  
Association**

The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Agenda

Date: Month Date, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm

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

<b>Senator Name</b>	<b>Senators Position</b>	<b>Attendance Status</b>	<b>Additional Note on Senator</b>
Jabari Baptiste	BBC Housing	Present	
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	Absent	
Kaitlyn Coll	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Scott Ahlgren	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	arrived at 4:59pm
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	Present	arrived at 4:21pm
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	Present	Arrived at 4:19pm
Grace Mccullough	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Cole Sebastian	College of Law	Present	
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	Absent	
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	Present	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
Yishmael Columna	Upper Division MMC	Present	
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Present	

<b>Quorum is Established</b>	Present	37
	Absent	8
	Vacant	2

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

- A. The last meeting's minutes were approved with no objections.

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Senator Sutton moved to add International Students Resolution SR 03 002 to New Business
- B. The motion was passed with no objections.
- C. Senator Sutton moved to add the Aqua Act SR 03 007
- D. The motion passed with no objections.
- E. Senator Rodriguez asked to read out the new agenda.

V. Invited Speakers

A. Orlando Gutierrez Boronat

1. Dr. Boronat is an FIU alumnus and past FIU faculty.
2. Dr. Boronat urged the Senate to explore Cuban history.
3. He also encouraged the Senate to watch the "Power of Music" documentary and to organize a watch party for the student body.
4. Senator Sutton began the 5-min Q&A session.
5. Senator Rodriguez asked how the Senate can best help organize the watch party.
6. Dr. Boronat said that he can contact some people for a venue and the date.

B. Mariana Robledo

1. Mariana is the vice president of the Pride Student Union
2. Mariana said she came to promote the Can't Ban Us bill sponsored by Senator LaChapelle

3. She said she is asking for acknowledgement that Governor DeSantis' bill, to defund DEI initiatives in colleges, is harmful.
4. Senator Sutton opened a 5-min Q&A session.
5. Senator Stangl asked what the consequences are for not passing this bill.
6. Mariana said it is an acknowledgement that the state legislature is harmful because they can't change the law.
7. Senator Reiban asked how supporting this bill makes students feel more heard.
8. Mariana said it will make the Board of Trustees aware of how the students feel about this bill.
9. Senator Cicconi asked how the language is not harmful because it is referencing HB 7
10. Mariana said that there are statues within the bill that target students on campus.
11. Senator Tuñon moved to allow a 15-min discussion on this topic, the motion was seconded.
12. Senator Stone asked if this would cut into Old Business
13. ? Moved to push the discussion until after the bill has been read aloud during Unfinished Business
14. The motion was seconded. Motion passed.
15. Senator LaChapelle asked why there were so many people present in the senate meeting regarding this bill.
16. Mariana said that this topic is important to many students.

## VI. Committee Reports

### A. Appropriations Committee

1. This committee met last Friday 3/3/23 and discussed a resolution.
2. They are contacting the party who submitted the resolution to determine their next steps.
3. Senator Rodriguez requested help from other senators to draft appropriations.

### B. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

1. This committee did not meet last week.
2. If SR 03 002 is passed, they will work on making this committee permanent.

### C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

1. They will be meeting on Thursday 3/9/23.
2. They are hosting a GPSC Coffee Hour event on 3/9/23.

- D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
  - 1. They met the week before Spring Break
  - 2. They passed?
  - 3. They reminded everyone to fill out their appropriations request by tomorrow.
- E. Health and Well-Being Committee
  - 1. No report
- F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
  - 1. No report
- G. Committee on Rules and Administration
  - 1. No report
- H. Oversight Committee
  - 1. They were not able to meet last week.
  - 2. Reminded everyone to continue hosting office hours and attending Senate meetings.
- VII. Executive Board Reports
  - A. Student Body President Cristhofer Lugo
    - 1. President Lugo said he has been discussing HB 999 with other university student body presidents.
    - 2. He urged the senate to write resolution condemning HB 999
    - 3. He said he will write an executive order.
    - 4. Senator Sutton opened a 5-min Q&A session.
    - 5. Senator Moya-Palacios asked how they can set up protests around campus.
    - 6. President Lugo urged senators to call legislators from their districts and voice their opinions.
    - 7. Senator Gaynor asked would President Lugo want to be a co-sponsor of this resolution.
    - 8. President Lugo said that he is not sure if he can, but they need to get as many senators and students on board as possible.
    - 9. Senator? Asked what the senate can do with the excess funding if HB 999 is passed.
    - 10. President Lugo reminded everyone that the bill is not passed yet, but he and his team are working on a way to allow DEI groups to continue.
    - 11. Senator Rodriguez asked how to best write the resolution without it seeming politically driven.

12. President Lugo said to reach out to other universities to see how to best support.
  13. Senator Cicconi asked to remove someone from Zoom because of their background picture.
- B. Senate President Alexander P. Sutton
    1. Senator Sutton reminded everyone that the Senates meetings will be held on BBC on 3/20/23 and 4/3/23.
  - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Zachary Stangl
    1. The Meet Your Dean event went well and had a record turnout of 114 attendees.
  - D. Senate Floor Leader Fernando Melara
    1. Senate Floor Leader Melara offered to help draft legislation.
  - E. Student Body Vice President Valentina Casanova
    1. Student Body VP Casanova is working on a Pop into the SGA Office event which will likely be on 3/27/23.
  - F. Comptroller Gabriela Alvarez
    1. Not present.
  - G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado
    1. Not present.
  - H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Ava Barnd
    1. Not present.
  - I. Chief of Staff Kyomi Cabral
    1. Not present.
  - J. Chief Justice Sebastian Aviles
    1. Not present.
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
- A. Not applicable
- IX. Unfinished Business
- A. SR 03 014: Can't Ban Us
    1. Senator Stangl moved to enter a 2-min discussion about SR 03 014
    2. The motion was seconded. Motion does not pass.
    3. Senator Hernandez asked how they can discuss if they have not read the bill yet.

4. Senator King asked if Senator Stangl can make his comment without going into a discussion.
5. Senator Stangl said that there was support for remanding this bill.
6. He also said this does not make statement for support of DEI.
7. A 5-min recess was opened until 5:30 because of technical difficulties.
8. Senator LaChapelle read SR 03 0144 aloud.
9. Senator Sutton opened a 5-min discussion.
10. Senator Sutton recommended extending the senate meeting by 30-min to end at 6:15 and to table the rest of the agenda for the next meeting.
11. Senator? Moved to extend the senate meeting by 15 minutes.
12. Motion is seconded. Motion passes
13. Senator King moved to table the rest of the agenda for the next meeting.
14. Motion is seconded. Motion passes
15. Senator Soltero moved to remand the legislation after Q&A
16. Motion was not valid and must be made after the Q&A session.
17. Senator King asked for one thing to convince people who are hesitant.
18. Senator LaChapelle said that it affects a lot of students and that many students feel unsafe with this legislation.
19. Senator Cicconi said that he is against critical race theory and that systemic racism does not exist.
20. Senator LaChapelle said that systemic racism is still prevalent and that saying otherwise is invalidating the experiences of a lot of people.
21. Senator Rodriguez asked if she can also answer questions as a co-sponsor for this bill.
22. Senator Rodriguez said that she welcomes opposition when rewriting this bill.
23. Senator Rodriguez moved to table the 15-min discussion to the next meeting.
24. Senator Soltero moved to go into a vote on remanding the resolution.
25. The motion is seconded. Motion does not pass.
26. Senator LaChapelle moved to enter another 5-min Q&A
27. Motion is not seconded.
28. Senator Stone asked if an additional discussion would extend the senate meeting.
29. Senator Sutton moved to table the 15-min discussion and the vote to remand this bill.

30. Motion is seconded.

31. Senator Rodriguez moved to do the remand vote now and table the 15-min discussion to the next meeting.

32. Senator? Moved to vote remand the bill, Motion is seconded.

<b>Vote on to remand</b>				
<b>Senator Name</b>	<b>Senator Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Reason for Abstention</b>
Jabari Baptiste	BBC Housing	Present	Yes	
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Alisha Loiseau	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Paulina Marin	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Delano Cicconi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Nicolas Marquez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Kaitlyn Coll	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Scott Ahlgren	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alexander Ramos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Samuel Morales	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Alexandra Miqueli	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Adrian Rodriguez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Aleck Estrada Arzamendi	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Martyna Reiban	College of Business	Present	No	
Ian Lares-Chacin	College of Business	Present	no	
Matthew Gaynor	College of Business	Present		
Isabel Quintanilla	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present		
Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Fernando Melara Barahona	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Francesca Casanova	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Abstention	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Gabriel Rondon	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	No	



Grace Mccullough	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Yes
Cole Sebastian	College of Law	Present	Yes
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<b>Vote Count</b>			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
25	7	1	2

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	19.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	25	Passed
	Three-Fifths	22	Passed

33. Motion is passed by roll call vote.

34. Senator Rodriguez moved to table 15-min discussion and adjourn the meeting.

35. Motion is seconded. Motion is passed.

- X. New Business
  - A. SR 03 012: The DACA Assistance Act
    - 1. Tabled for next meeting.
  - B. SR 03 013: The POP Act
    - 1. Tabled for next meeting.
  - C. Confirmation of Jacqueline Canut to be BBC Lieutenant Governor
    - 1. Tabled for next meeting.
- XI. Public Forum
- XII. Senate Forum
- XIII. Announcements
- XIV. Advisor Reports
  - A. Elections are happening from 9am on 3/7 to 7pm on 3/8.
  - B. Announcements will be broadcasted on the TVs on MMC and BBC
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
  - A. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.