



**Student Government
Association**

The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:07 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	Present	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Alisha Loiseau	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	arrived at 4:55pm
Paulina Marin	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Delano Cicconi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Nicolas Marquez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Kaitlyn Coll	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Scott Ahlgren	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	arrived at 5:12pm
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	arrived at 4:51pm
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	Present	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	
Kenrik Chirinos	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	
Ahmend Soliman	University Graduate School	Absent	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	
Arturo Barahona	University Graduate School	Absent	
Nick Kukuk	University Graduate School	Absent	
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	Absent	
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	Absent	
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	

Quorum is Established	Present	32
	Absent	13
	Vacant	2

- III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes
 - A. The minutes were approved with no objections.
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. The agenda was adopted with no objections.
- V. Invited Speakers
 - A. Brian Levine
 - 1. When he was governor, he worked on bringing back a townhall with the university president.
 - 2. He encouraged the senate to continue this tradition because it is a good way for students to make their voices heard
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Appropriations Committee
 - 1. Approved two appropriations but would need to have an emergency meeting to make sure it is approved by the senate on time for these events.
 - B. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

1. Working on a new meeting time to meet quorum.
 2. Looking into making this committee permanent
 - C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
 1. Meeting on Thursday 3/23 at 2pm to talk about changing the funding.
 - D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
 1. Helping and tabling at the sustainability fair and asking for volunteers to help
 - E. Health and Well-Being Committee
 1. Meeting on Friday 3/24 at 3pm via Zoom
 - F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 1. Meeting on Wednesday at 7pm
 - G. Committee on Rules and Administration
 1. Did not meet quorum at previous meeting before the senate meeting, they will be meeting again after the senate meeting.
 - H. Oversight Committee
 1. Meeting on Friday at 2pm
- VII. Executive Board Reports
- A. Student Body President Cristhofer Lugo
 - B. Senate President Alexander P. Sutton
 1. The next meeting at BBC will be on 4/3
 2. There are 2 appropriations or events that need to be voted on this week, there may need to be an emergency meeting this week.
 - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Zachary Stangl
 1. Last week, 3 legislations were passed.
 - a) 1 was delivered, 2 could not be delivered.
 - b) Can't Ban Us could not be delivered because it was not assigned to 2 committees.
 - c) International Students Resolution could not be delivered because the minutes were lost.
 - d) Senator Sutton wrote a writ to get clarification on the assignment of legislation to the committees as the Senate President and is waiting for a response
 - D. Senate Floor Leader Fernando Melara
 1. If anyone need help, they can reach out.
 - E. Student Body Vice President Valentina Casanova

1. Pop Into SGA event happening, most likely, on 3/27 from about 12-2pm
 2. They will be giving away snacks.
- F. Comptroller Gabriela Alvarez
- G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado
- H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Ava Barnd
1. Please take time to explore BBC campus.
 2. Putting up a lieutenant governor for confirmation
- I. Chief of Staff Kyomi Cabral
- J. Chief Justice Sebastian Aviles
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
- A.
- IX. Unfinished Business
- A.
- X. New Business
- A. Confirmation of Jacqueline Canut for BBC Lieutenant Governor
1. Jacqueline has been at FIU since 2020 and is a Health Services Administration major.
 2. She says you can expect some new events from her.
 - a) Pool day at BBC, tailgating swim team, and advocating for diversity.
 3. A 4-min Q&A session was opened.
 4. Senator Stangl moved to close discussion.
 5. Motion is seconded and passed.
 6. Senator Columna moved to enter a unanimous vote to confirm Jacqueline Canut as BBC Lieutenant Governor
 7. Motion is seconded and passed.
 8. Jacqueline Canut is confirmed as BBC Lieutenant Governor
- B. The DACA Assistance Act
1. The Resolution was read.
 2. Senator Sutton opened a 5-min discussion.
 3. Senator Dawson asked how many DACA students are present on campus.
 4. Senator Moya-Palacios said there is not a definitive number for privacy reasons.
 5. Senator Arzola asked is this bill is trying to promote specific services.

6. Senator Moya-Palacios said this bill is to ask ISSS to give awareness to these scholarships offered to students
7. Senator Gaynor asked if why this resolution is coming up now if it was introduced a few months ago
8. Senator Moya-Palacios said the bill was tabled then held up with senate leadership
9. Senator Rodriguez asked if they connected with ISSS before writing this bill
10. Senator Dawson said that GPSC tried to get in contact with ISSS before and it is difficult
11. Senator Ferreira asked what is the best way to promote these scholarships to online students
12. Senator Reiban said DACA students have to pay out-of-state tuition and this legislation would open a conversation
13. Senator Stangl moved to open a 5-min discussion
14. The motion is seconded. Motion passed.
15. Senator Stangl said he is not supporting this bill right now because there needs to be more dialogue with ISSS
16. Senator Soltero moved to enter a roll-call vote about this bill. The motion is seconded.
17. Senator Stangl wanted to continue this discussion.
18. Senator Soltero said this bill would be a good first step to addressing the issue.
19. Senator Columna said that delaying this bill might be harmful to students.
20. Senator Rodriguez said that it would make sense to table this bill while the sponsors get into contact with ISSS
21. Senator Arzola moved to enter a 5-min discussion.
22. The motion is seconded but the debate must be closed first
23. Senator Rodriguez moved to close the debate. The motion is seconded.
24. The motion passed. The 5-min discussion was opened
25. Senator Dawson asked if the sponsors would be amenable to adding a workshop to the bill to make students aware of their resources
26. Senator Reiban said that this is not possible because some of the scholarships are banned by the federal government
27. Senator Columna asked if the sponsors would be amenable to changing the bill to include conversations with ISSS

28. Senator Moya-Palacios said he would take the bill home for a rewrite and they can vote on it another time
29. Senator Stone moved to table the discussion.
30. The motion is seconded. Motion passed.

C. The POP Act

1. The bill was read.
2. Senator Sutton opened a 4-min discussion.
3. Senator Marin asked where the funding would come from
4. Senator Gaynor said the bill was a recommendation to the Board of Trustees (BOT) who are able to get funding from various places
5. Senator Stangl asked if there was any communication done before the introduction of this bill
6. Senator Gaynor said it is difficult to reach out to the BOT but FIU PD is supporting this bill
7. Senator Hernandez asked if there is a reason that pepper spray was banned on campus.
8. Senator Jusino said there is not a specific reason.
9. The Q&A session was closed
10. Senator Columna moved to enter a vote. The motion is seconded.
11. Senator Rodriguez wanted to debate the motion and enter a discussion.
12. Senator Columna said there needs to be more background information and further discussion on this bill. He retracts his previous motion.
13. Senator Rodriguez moved to enter a 5-min discussion.
14. The motion is seconded. Motion passed.
15. Senator Rodriguez said that this is a very serious topic and should include a sensitive topic warning
16. Senator Sutton agrees that there should be a trigger warning
17. Senator Tuñon said he is in support of the bill and that it needs a trigger warning
18. Senator Tuñon said the working in the bill is vague about the number of blue lights they want to install
19. Senator Dawson said she is in support of the bill and to use the 2022 report to strengthen the bill.

20. Senator Gaynor said the wording needs to be as it is because this is a serious matter
21. Senator Rodriguez asked how to add friendly amendments.
22. Senator Rodriguez moved to table this discussion until the next meeting to have time to add the friendly amendments.
23. The motion is seconded. Motion passed.

XI. Public Forum

- A. Brian Levine told the senate to be vigilant and not afraid to bring up issues

XII. Senate Forum

- A. Senator Sutton said that there needs to be an emergency senate meeting sometime this week to pass appropriations for the events that need funding
- B. Senator Hernandez asked what legislations are being referred to.
- C. Senator Stangl said that the meeting needs to be on Thursday because of the 48-hr rule.
- D. Senator Arzola asked if they could vote to suspend the 48-hr rule.
- E. Senator Gaynor asked if SGA President Cristhofer Lugo could write 2 executive orders to get the funding for these appropriations on-time.
- F. Senator Moya-Palacios said he was disappointed about what happened to the DACA Assistance Act
- G. The senate meeting was extended by 5 minutes.
- H. President Lugo asked what events are requesting the funding.
- I. President Lugo said that the president's discretionary funds are not usually used for events like this and he will not be providing the funds
- J. Senator Lares-Chacin said he is working on a bill that will introduce scooter back on campus for student to get around
- K. Senator Sutton moved to have an emergency senate meeting on Thursday 3/23.
- L. The motion is seconded. Motion does not pass.
- M. Senator Dawson asked if they can schedule the meeting at a different time by voting in the group chat
- N. Senator Dawson said that GSAW is on the first week of April and is asking for volunteers to help with the events
- O. Senator Rodriguez said that they should have the emergency meeting so the groups requesting the funds can have their events
- P. Senator Soltero said they should have the emergency meeting so PAD can receive their funding

- Q. Senator Tuñón asked the senators to change their schedules so they can attend the emergency meeting.
 - R. Senator Tuñón is working on a bill that changes the service hours requirement for the Honors College
 - S. Senator Hernandez said that there should be more accountability for mistakes.
 - T. Senator Hernandez said that ASCE also filed an appropriation but did not receive it.
- XIII. Announcements
- A.
- XIV. Advisor Reports
- A. SGA banquet will be on 4/4 and more information will be sent out soon
 - B. Committees need to submit their minutes and let Larissa know if you need help
 - C. Please volunteer and help out with GSAW.
 - D. Please help with creating transition manuals
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.