



**Student Government
Association**

The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Agenda

Date: March 27, 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	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	
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	Absent	
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	Absent	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Gabriel Rondon	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Grace Mccullough	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent	
Cole Sebastian	College of Law	Present	
Alejandro Arzola	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	Absent	
Victor Tuñon	Honors College	Present	
John Boris	Lower Division BBC	Absent	
Zachary Stangl	Lower Division MMC	Absent	
Mia Rodriguez	MMC Housing	Present	
Sofia Castillo	MMC Housing	Present	
Alexander Stone	MMC Housing	Present	
Rubens Bravo	Online Student Senator	Absent	

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	Absent	
Imani Doss	Upper Division BBC	Present	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
Yishmael Columna	Upper Division MMC	Absent	
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	28
	Absent	17
	Vacant	2

- III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes
 - A. MINUTES ARE APPROVED
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. NO OBJECTION
- V. Invited Speakers
 - A. Dr. Sofia Trelles, Ombudsperson – conflict resolution presentation: Spoke about conflict and how if you don’t confront it through conversation or in some form it will affect you in a negative way. Available in GC219, contact her if you are interesting in the FUN Conflict course. Flyers have been passed out.
 - B. Connie Caldwell: Sustainability in the state of Florida is very important. Having a sustainability fair is very important because FIU is building community relations with the county. It’s crucial for SGA members to show up to the sustainability fair.
 - C. Sustainability fair: Wednesday April 5, 10am-2pm
 - D. Contact email: Gogreen@fiu.edu
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Appropriations Committee: Passed the Sustainability fair appropriation.

- B. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee: Having a meeting on Thursday to discuss talking about why we should make the committee permanent and going over the DACA assistant bill.
 - C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee: On April 13th we're having our coffee hour at the SGA office
 - D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee: Please come out the Sustainability fair on Wednesday April 5th from 10am-2pm at GC lawns
 - E. Health and Well-Being Committee: N/A
 - F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee: For Wednesday at 5 or 7pm we're voting for the disaster support act.
 - G. Committee on Rules and Administration: The bill was edited and passed
 - H. Oversight Committee: N/A
- VII. Executive Board Reports
- A. Student Body President Cristhofer Lugo: N/A
 - B. Senate President Alexander P. Sutton: Next week we will be at BBC in person. SGA Banquet on April 14th located in the GC ballrooms. You can bring a plus one on the RSVP link. **Deadline for legislation is this Friday (March 31st) by midnight email it to Alex****
 - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Zachary Stangl: N/A
 - D. Senate Floor Leader Fernando Melara: N/A
 - E. Student Body Vice President Valentina Casanova: Recharge for finals week will begin the week of finals April 24th
 - F. Comptroller Gabriela Alvarez
 - G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado
 - H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Ava Barnd
 - I. Chief of Staff Kyomi Cabral
 - J. Chief Justice Sebastian Aviles
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
- A. SR 03 007: The AQUA Act
 - B. Memorandum read by Alexander Sutton
 - C. MOTION: Sen Gaynor: Go into a discussion about The AQUA Act
 - D. Sen Gaynor: Read a letter from a student about the aquatic facilities at FIU
 - E. Sen Stone: Directed a question to the student body president. Asked about the survey that was sent out.

- F. Sen Marin: As far as numbers go, if they have not gotten in contact to figure out the costs and the funding for new aquatic facilities it doesn't make sense to go through with this if there is not enough research.
- G. Sen Cicconi: This bill is not paying for these services or these activities and this bill gives great options on where these facilities would go and these are only suggestions for the facilities on campus.
- H. MOTION: Sen Stone: Extend conversation by 7 mins: MOTION PASSES
- I. Sen Moya Palacios: This is a resolution, not a bill. We are only recommended that we work with the administration to improve our aquatic pools on campus. Urge that we overturn this veto and we vote on it and we pass an present it to the administration. If there are a majority of students to have more pools on campus than why not.
- J. Student Body President Lugo: If this were to happen, SGA would in fact pay for these new facilities and pools
- K. Sen Stone: We did meet with the director of the WRC and they advised us a lot about this bill.
- L. Sen Gaynor: This has been in the works since July 2022 and I have received a lot of support and I would have never presented this without the appropriate information and SGA is in charge of funding the WRC.
- M. Sen Tunon: We should be more professional and we should not be talking back with attitude or making snarky results. The construction for these advisors would be a concern.
- N. Sen King: Not opposed to getting hot tubs and saunas, but this would require time and construction and the bill needs to be amended .
- O. Sen Rodriguez: Would vote in favor of the resolution as long as the language is changed as well as the clauses.
- P. EXTEND DISCUSSION BY 4 MORE MINUTES
- Q. Sen Chacin: Most surveys done and sent by SGA don't get over 150 responses.
- R. Sen Hernandez: This would be a massive construction project and we would need more responses. Yes, pass surveys have not had high response rate but those past surveys were not for big Constuction projects.
- S. Pres Lugo: 2.5% is not of the whole school just the four thousand of the students who live on campus. The pool would be 1 million dollars.
- T. Sen Reiban: This is a good idea and students would love it
- U. MOTION: Sen Loiseau: Move into new business: Placard Vote: MOTION PASSES

IX. Unfinished Business

A. N/A

X. New Business

A. SB 03 013: The Sustainability Fair Act

B. Sen Hernandez: The Sustainability fair will be held on April 5th from 10am-2pm on GC lawns. The SGA intend to do tabling two weeks in advance of this event. We estimate 400 student to attend. Catering will be provided. Roary will be attending from 12pm-1pm.

C. Sen Dawson: What has the committee done to promote this fair.

D. Sen Hernandez: We have been in contact with Connie Caldwell but we have not submitted in a marketing request.

E. MOTION: Sen Gaynor: continue to discuss the AQUA act: MOTION FAILS

F. MOTION: Sen Rodriguez: 5 Minute Discussion period on the Sustainability Act: MOTION PASSES

G. Sen Rodriguez: It should be \$1500 to catering to make the options more general

H. Sen Hernandez: The proposed funding for catering was \$2000 and is asking if we could go back to \$2000.

I. Sen Cicconi: I enjoy vegan options but if you want more people to come to your event you should have options that are not vegan because not all students like vegan.

J. Sen Rodriguez: \$2000 is way too much so \$1500 is amendable. If \$2000 is the most appropriate amount on money I'd be happy to discuss it.

K. Sen Hernandez: We are increasing the vegan options and decreasing the meat options.

L. Sen Dawson: There should be an amendment for the tabling to weeks in advance and the appropriate amount of money should be allocated for catering.

M. MOTION: Read the POP act today: MOTION FAILS

XI. Public Forum

A. N/A

XII. Senate Forum

A. Extend Senate to 6:10pm

B. MOTION: Sen Moya Palacios: Discuss the reveto executive order on the Gameroom: MOTION FAILS

C. MOTION: Sen Stone: 2 minute discussion intramural sports at FIU: MOTION PASSES

D. Sen Stone: We don't have buses for games and we are getting little funding.

- E. Advisor Michelle Castro: In the last budget request the WRC is getting more funding and addressing the problem with Intramural sports.
 - F. MOTION: Sen Moya Palacios: Talking about international students: MOTION PASSES
 - G. Sen Moya Palacios: Wanted to discuss this because I wanted to get the senate's opinion about what they feel about the international committee and making this committee permanent.
 - H. Sen Cicconi: What is going on with the bills that have been passed but have not been presented?
- XIII. Announcements
- A. N/A
- XIV. Advisor Reports
- A. Larissa Adames: Please RSVP for the SGA banquet and submit your committee meetings.
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.