



**Student Government  
Association**

The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 3, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:09 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

<b>Attendance</b>			
<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 4:43pm
Alexander Ramos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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	arrived at 5:06pm
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	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	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	Absent	
Mia Rodriguez	MMC Housing	Present	
Sofia Castillo	MMC Housing	Absent	

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	Present	
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Present	

<b>Quorum is Established</b>	Present	29
	Absent	16
	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.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee

1. They met last Friday 3/31 from 1-2pm
2. They passed the ECO Engineering appropriation bill, ASBO Act, and the Sustainability Fair Act

B. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

1. They did not have a meeting on Thursday 3/30 because they did not meet quorum.

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

1. They met on Thursday 3/30 to discuss things for GSAW.
2. They are hosting a Coffee Hour chat on Thursday 4/6 in the SGA office.

D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

1. They made adjustments to the Sustainability Fair Act

- 2. They are promoting Earth month
- E. Health and Well-Being Committee
- F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
  - 1. They will be meeting on Wednesday 4/5
- G. Committee on Rules and Administration
  - 1. They passed SB 03 015
- H. Oversight Committee

VII. Executive Board Reports

- A. Student Body President Cristhofer Lugo
- B. Senate President Alexander P. Sutton
  - 1. There are a lot of legislation being proposed
  - 2. Everyone needs to go to their committee meetings so they can work on these legislations
  - 3. There are 2 senate meetings left for this semester
- C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Zachary Stangl
- D. Senate Floor Leader Fernando Melara
- E. Student Body Vice President Valentina Casanova
- 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
  - 1. Senator Sutton reviewed Robert's Rules and in order to amend legislation that was previously adopted, there must be a two-thirds vote
  - 2. In order to overturn a veto, there must be a two-thirds vote
  - 3. The Act was read out loud
  - 4. Senator Rodriguez moved to enter a vote on these amendments
  - 5. The motion is seconded, motion passed
  - 6. The amendments were passed with a two-thirds vote
  - 7. Senator Moya-Palacios moved to enter a 3-min discussion about overturning the veto
  - 8. The motion is seconded. Motion passed

9. Senator Moya-Palacios said the act is better with the amendments
10. Senator Columna said the desires of the students are addressed in the act and he is in support
11. Senator Rodriguez said that the concerns of President Lugo are addressed in the amendments
12. Senator Rodriguez moved to end the discussion
13. The motion is seconded. Motion passed
14. Senator Gaynor moved to enter a vote to overturn the veto
15. The motion is seconded. Motion passed
16. The veto is overturned with a two-thirds vote

<b>Vote on SR03-003 to overturn the Presidential Veto</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	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
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	Yes	
Nicolas Marquez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Kaitlyn Coll	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Scott Ahlgren	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Alexander Ramos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Samuel Morales	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
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	Yes	
Matthew Gaynor	College of Business	Present	Yes	

Isabel Quintanilla	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
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	Yes	
Gabriel Rondon	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Grace Mccullough	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Yes	
Cole Sebastian	College of Law	Present	Yes	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Kenrik Chirinos	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent		
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	Vacant	
Ahmend Soliman	University Graduate School	Present		
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Absent		
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Arturo Barahona	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Nick Kukuk	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Victor Tuñon	Honors College	Present	Yes	
John Boris	Lower Division BBC	Absent		
Zachary Stangl	Lower Division MMC	Absent		
Mia Rodriguez	MMC Housing	Present	Yes	
Sofia Castillo	MMC Housing	Absent		
Alexander Stone	MMC Housing	Present	Yes	
Rubens Bravo	Online Student Senator	Absent		
Alexander Sutton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Kaily LaChapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Manuel Soltero	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent		
Imani Doss	Upper Division BBC	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	Vacant	
Yishmael Columna	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes	
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
24	0	0	2

Motion Passed	Vote	Vote Count	Active
	Simple Majority	15.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	19	Passed
	Three-Fifths	17	Passed

IX. Unfinished Business

A. SB 03 013: The Sustainability Fair Act

1. The bill was read out loud
2. A 3-min Q&A session was opened
3. Senator Cicconi asked why the Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA) was being allowed to table at this event
4. Senator Columna said that the GC lawns are a public area and that any group can table as long as they have a permit
5. Senator Hernandez said the Office of Sustainability is in charge of inviting groups to table at the event, but were unaware of any statements made by YDSA
6. Senator Sutton extended the Q&A by 2 minutes
7. Senator Gaynor asked how they came up with the total cost
8. Senator Rodriguez said there was an error and the original total did not match up with the amount in the meeting minutes
9. Senator Cicconi asked about the requirements to table
10. Senator King said the events is about promoting sustainable practices, not about the political practices of different groups
11. Senator Tunon moved to enter a 7-min discussion
12. The motion is seconded. Motion passed
13. Senator Tunon said the whole point of the fair is to promote sustainable practices

14. Senator Tunon said that he doesn't agree with the beliefs of YDSA but does not have a problem with them being there
15. Senator Rodriguez said that this bill is only to appropriate funds, and it is not related to which groups are going to be present
16. Senator Cicconi said he will not vote in favor of this bill
17. Senator Loiseau said that these are all valid concerns but this bill is just an appropriation
18. Senator Columna said he does not agree with YDSA but they do not represent the Sustainability Fair
19. Senator King said it is not fair to not pass this bill because one group with be there
20. Senator Columna moved to extend the discussion by 2 minutes
21. The motion is seconded. Motion passed
22. Senator Gaynor asked if there will be food and drinks provided at the event
23. Senator Hernandez said yes
24. Senator Tunon moved to enter a roll call vote about this legislation
25. The motion is seconded. Motion passed
26. The bill is passed with a roll call vote

<b>Vote on SB03-013- The Sustainability Fair Act of Spring 2023</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	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
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	Abstention	
Nicolas Marquez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	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	Absent		
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		



Samuel Morales	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alexandra Miqueli	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Adrian Rodriguez	College of Business	Absent		
Aleck Estrada Arzamendi	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Martyna Reiban	College of Business	Present		
Ian Lares-Chacin	College of Business	Present	Abstention	
Matthew Gaynor	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Isabel Quintanilla	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
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	Absent		
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Gabriel Rondon	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Grace Mccullough	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Yes	
Cole Sebastian	College of Law	Present		
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Kenrik Chirinos	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent		
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	Vacant	
Ahmend Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Absent		
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Arturo Barahona	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Nick Kukuk	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Victor Tuñon	Honors College	Present	Yes	
John Boris	Lower Division BBC	Absent		
Zachary Stangl	Lower Division MMC	Absent		
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Rubens Bravo	Online Student Senator	Absent		
Alexander Sutton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Kaily LaChapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Manuel Soltero	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent		
Imani Doss	Upper Division BBC	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	Vacant	
Yishmael Columna	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes	
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes	
<b>Vote Count</b>				
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant	
25	0	2	2	

	Vote	Vote Count	Achieve
<b>Motion Passed</b>	Simple Majority	15.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	19	Passed
	Three-Fifths	17	Passed

X. New Business

A. SB 03 015: The ECO Engineering Appropriation

1. Senator Rodriguez moved t but the ECO Engineering Appropriation as the next item on the agenda and the POP Act afterwards
2. The motion is seconded. Motion passed
3. The bill was read out loud
4. A 3-min Q&A session was opened
5. Senator Soliman if the money was going to be used for student and vehicle travel
6. Senator Hernandez said yes
7. Senator Soliman asked what other funding is being received
8. Senator Hernandez said the other sources of funding are present in the legislation
9. Senator Rodriguez asked of only 12 people will be attending

10. Olbin Gil said yes only those twelve people
11. Senator Gaynor asked what happens to the extra money if someone drops out of the trip
12. Senator Sutton said that the money will be directly used in purchasing the tickets, it will not be handed to the group
13. The Q&A session ended
14. Olbin Gil said the organization has been restarted recently and is providing their members with technical expertise and experience
15. Senator Cicconi moved to enter a roll call vote
16. The motion is seconded. Motion passed
17. The bill is passed

<b>Vote on SB03-015- Appropriate \$6480.00 to Eco Engineering Club</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	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
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	Yes	
Nicolas Marquez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	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	Absent		
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Adrian Rodriguez	College of Business	Absent		
Aleck Estrada Arzamendi	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Martyna Reiban	College of Business	Present		

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Matthew Gaynor	College of Business	Present	Yes	
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Fernando Melara Barahona	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Francesca Casanova	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Gabriel Rondon	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
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Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
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Yishmael Columna	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes
<b>Vote Count</b>			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
27	0	0	2

<b>Motion Passed</b>	Vote	Vote Count	Achieve
	Simple Majority	15.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	19	Passed
	Three-Fifths	17	Passed

XI. Unfinished Business

A. SR 03 013: The POP Act

1. The resolution was read out loud
2. A 3-min Q&A session was opened
3. Senator Loiseau asked if the senators have considered changing the language
4. Senator Cicconi said he does not want to change the language
5. Senator Gaynor said they are trying to be objective because this is only a letter of recommendations to the Board of Trustees (BOT)
6. Senator LaChapelle asked if they reached out to the Victim Empowerment Program (VEP)
7. Senator Cicconi said they reached out to many organizations and FIU PD would be open to collaborating
8. Senator Doss moved to open a 7-min discussion
9. The motion is seconded. Motion passed
10. Senator Doss agrees with this bill but the language is too strong
11. Senator Sutton read out two friendly amendments to this resolution
12. Senator Rodriguez said this content is triggering and needs to have a content warning

13. Senator Dawson asked why the last therefore clause does not include the blue lights
14. Senator Moya-Palacios said that a Florida statute allows people to carry non-lethal weapons for the purpose of self-defense
15. Senator Sutton extended the meeting by 10 minutes
16. Senator Tunon said that VEP is not allowed to support these bills, but he agrees to change the language
17. Senator LaChapelle said that this is a very sensitive topic and the language needs to be changed
18. Senator Cicconi moved to extend the discussion by 2 minutes
19. The motion is seconded. Motion passed
20. Senator Sutton said the bottom line is to allow students to carry pepper spray on campus and the language needs to be changed
21. Senator Loiseau said that they should still drop the strong language even with a trigger warning
22. Senator Loiseau asked if there would be additional research on the costs if the resolution is passed
23. Senator Cicconi said this is not a resolution to fund anything, it is a recommendation to the BOT
24. Senator Cicconi said he would be happy to include some amendments
25. Senator Cicconi moved to have a 2-min recess to speak freely
26. The motion is seconded. Motion passed
27. Recess ends
28. Senator Stone moved to extend the senate meeting by 10 minutes
29. The motion is seconded. Motion is not passed

XII. Public Forum

A.

XIII. Senate Forum

A.

XIV. Announcements

A.

XV. Advisor Reports

A. The minutes need to be saved in the appropriate folders

B. RSVP for the SGA banquet

- C. Any senators interested in helping with GSAW events, let Larissa know
- XVI. Meeting Adjournment
  - A. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.