



Student Government Association

The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 22, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:19 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
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	

Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	
David Almansa	College of Business	Absent	
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	
Lauren Alvarez	College of Business	Present	
Lindsey Burgos	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Erika Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Samuel Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Present	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	
Valeria Herrera	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Absent	
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Present	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Present	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Present	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMV	Present	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	
Elizabet Ferreira	Online Student Senator	Present	arrived at 5:36pm
Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Present	
Kanayo Nomen	University Graduate School	Absent	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	
Imani Doss	Upper Division BBC	Present	
Jacqueline Canut	Upper Division BBC	Absent	

Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Absent	
Raquel Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Present	arrived at 5:26pm

Quorum is Established	Present	32
	Absent	14
	Vacant	1

Quorum is Established

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

A. Senator Brochinsky asks to correct last meeting minutes for senator palacios voting

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Senate President LaChapelle adopts the agenda to not make the floor leader voting

B. Senator Moya palacios asks to have a floor leader voting after the discussion

V. Invited Speakers

A. Brian Levine

Speaker Levine to urgent move up public forum, update agenda and structural fixing for meetings

VI. Committee Reports

A. Committee on Rules and Administration

B. Appropriations Committee

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

E. Health and Well-Being Committee

F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee

G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

H. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee

VII. Executive Board Reports

A. Student Body President Alexander Sutton

Reminds senators of the positions that are going to be voted on today

Mentions how the procedures for voting can be changed

Encourages senators to tell anyone that SGA applications are open

B. Senate President Kaily LaChapelle

-Reminder no senate meeting next Monday

C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell

-Fill out form sent in panther connect

D. Senate Floor Leader

E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way

F. Comptroller

G. Executive Administrator

H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King

I. Chief of Staff

J. Chief Justice

VIII. Vetoed Legislation

A.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. 15 Minute Discussion on Floor Leader Position

Senator Stone asks point of information on what the discussion is about

Senator Stone would like to know why people are abstaining from voting

Senator Brochinsky mentions only two people abstained from last voting

Senator Martinez points on information on what is the discussion about specifically

Senator Arzola advises to remove the two nominated floor leaders to have a proper discussion

Senator Salup Cid asks both nominated floor leaders their experience in writing legislation

Senator Cruz opens the floor to ask other senators what is holding them from voting for the proper candidate

Senator Dawson asks the same question as senator Cruz

Senator Noel mentions she abstained before because she was not convinced of their ability in being floor leader

Senator Hernandez to motion to have the candidates leave the room and continue the discussion

Senator Cruz asks if extending period of discussion for candidates can help voting for those who were not convinced

Senator Vogel mentions candidates do not need more than 2 minutes and they failed to use them wisely

Senator Martinez agrees with Vogel

Senator Arzola moves to elapse the discussion, seconded by senator stone

Senator Mejia mentions he does not feel comfortable voting for either candidate

Senator Hernandez says voting should be moved to the next session for senators to think about who to vote

Senator Mancuso mentions both candidates should set themselves apart

Senator Dawson pushes to vote fast to achieve work

Senator Brochinsky motions to extend discussion by 2 minutes, seconded by Salup-Cid

Senator Brochinsky mentions that candidates should open for other ideas

Senator LaChapelle does not think either candidates can bring something good for the position

Senator Salup Cid motions to extend discussion by 5 minutes, seconded by senator Dawson

Senator Cruz encourages others that are discontent with the candidates to nominate themselves for floor leaders

Senator Arzola asks senate president LaChapelle if not voting for senate floor leader stops from doing other things in the agenda

Senator Martinez moves to extend for 2-minute discussion, seconded by Senator Del Riesgo

Senator salup Cid asks to explain the SGA eboard

President Sutton is recognized and answers

Senator Arzola moves to continue with the agenda, seconded by senator Dawson

X. New Business

A. Confirmation of Chief of Staff (Anna Meredith)

Makes her discussion

5-minute Q&A is opened

Senator Brochinsky asks how she would advocate for Students at BBC

Senator Stone motions to elapse the Q&A, not seconded

Senator Salup Cid asks what her position is into bringing outside politics into SGA

Senator Mancuso asks what some changes are she would like to see as Chief of Staff

Senator Stone asks why her leadership experience sets her forward for this position

Senator Mancuso motions to move into the vote, seconded by Senator Brochinsky

Voting for Chief of Staff opens

Vote on Confirmation of Chief of Staff (Anna Meredith)				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant		
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Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	

Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
David Almansa	College of Business	Absent		
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Lauren Alvarez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Lindsey Burgos	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Erika Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Samuel Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent		
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Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present	Yes	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	Yes	
Elizabet Ferreira	Online Student Senator	Present		
Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent		
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	

Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Kanayo Nomen	University Graduate School	Absent		
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Iamni Doss	Upper Division BBC	Present	Yes	
Jacqueline Canut	Upper Division BBC	Absent		
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Absent		
Raquel Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes	
Vote Count				
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant	
27	0	0	0	

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	17.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	21	Passed
	Three-Fifths	19	Passed

Anna Meredith is chosen for chief of staff

XI. Public Forum

- A. Brian Levine is recognized; he mentions that no one can be forced to leave the meeting

XII. Senate Forum

- A. Senator Brochinsky moves to 5-minute recess, motion failed
- B. Senator Brochinsky responds to Brian Levine
- C. Senator Palacios mentions they should not have been kicked out of the meeting
- D. Senator Arzola summarized what was said while they were out
- E. Senator Martinez mentions they agreed to leave, they were not kicked out
- F. Senator Mancuso mentions that if anyone wants to run for floor leader, to prepare the next 2 weeks
- G. Senator Stone responds to senator Arzola and drops from floor leader
- H. Senator Brochinsky motions to extend by 5 minutes, objected by senator stone
- I. Senator Moya Palacios motions to extend to 6:03, seconded by Senator Mejia
- J. Senator Hernandez explains why she decided to run responding to Senator Stone

XIII. Announcements

A.

XIV. Advisor Reports

A. Fill out the retreat form

XV. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.