



## Student Body Senate Meeting Minutes

Date: June 6, 2022

### 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

Senators Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Sergio Morizot-Leite	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	arrived at 511pm
Nathalie Mendoza-Salas	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Delano Cicconi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Nicolas Marquez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Kaitlyn Coll	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Alexandria Moore	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Taylor Sokolosky	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Brian Fogel	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Samuel Morales	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alexandra Miqueli	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Adrian Rodriguez	College of Business	Absent	
Aleck Estrada Arzamendi	College of Business	Present	
Dylan Salem	College of Business	Absent	
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	
Sebastian Trevino	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Enter zoom at 4:44pm
Grace Mccullough	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Cole Sebastian	College of Law	Absent	
Shebin George	College of Medicine	Present	
Kenrik Chirinos	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Matthew Micalizzi	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	
Cassandra Soriano	Honors College	Present	
John Boris	Lower Division BBC	Present	
Zachary Stangl	Lower Division MMC	Present	
Mia Rodriguez	MMC Housing	Absent	
Sofia Castillo	MMC Housing	Present	
Amanda Guerra	Online Student Senator	Absent	
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	
Iara Raggio	Upper Division MMC	Present	
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Present	

### III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

A. Stand approved

### IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Changes to the agenda: Campus Accessibility presentation postponed to a later date and Meeting with Administration moved to next week. Senator Gaynor moved to approve the updated agenda; Senator Cicconi seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

### V. Priority Discussions

A. Discussion of the qualities of our next University President in the eyes of the students.

1. Senator Fogel began by stating that it is important for the next president to have a "degree of relatability" to the young student population. Senator

Hernandez stated the next president needs to be passionate, relatable, empathic, and innovative. They should be able to instill positivity. Senator Gaynor added that the president should be a young president; 30/40/50 years of age. Senator stated that the president should be young and approachable, keep FIU priorities first, and that the search committee pay attention to FIU alumni applicants. Senator Moya-Palacios stated that next president needs to be willing to work with all students. Senator Marquez empathized the president needs to be approachable and qualified. Senator Cicconi added the next President speak Spanish, due to the high population Hispanic students.

## VI. Invited Speakers

### A. 10 minutes presentation from Panther NOW

1. Robert Jaross has worked at FIU for the past twenty-one year and has advised student media since his arrival. Since FIU is a public university, student media has more protection under the first amendment and there is more student governance in the student media. All articles written by the student media go straight to publishing; it is not reviewed by the advisor unless the student writer is seeking guidance. The media board hires the next editor-in-chief. The media board is comprised of FIU members and non-FIU members. There members from the Miami Herald, The Sun Sentinel and first amendment attorney and the Chair of the Media Board is Lillian Koppenhaver. Panther Now is the newspaper and the Roar is the radio station. They are currently looking for DJs for the roar. Elise is the editor-in-chief and Ariana Otero is the SGA beat writer. Student media cannot employ SGA members, but they can write opinions. All letters to the editor are published. Radio stations: 93.5, 88.3 and 96.9

### B. 10 minutes presentation by Charlie Levine regarding Textmate

1. Charlie Levine is founder of Textmate. It is an innovative technology that sends academic text reminder every day. UCF, NSU and FAU are currently subscribed to the service.

Senator Cole left at 4:30pm

2. President Pro Tempore Stangl asked the cost for this service. Cost is \$10,000 per one thousand students. Senator Gaynor asked if the price is the same for all schools; the price ranges from \$2.50-\$2.99 per student

Senate Trevino joined the meeting, via zoom, at 4:44pm.

3. Senator Cicconi asked why NSU, and UCF pay the same amount if their student population is different. Mr. Levine stated that they both purchase the same package. Senator Micalizzi asked how to do students sign up; its by a first come first serve basis and a waiting list is created when the list full.
4. Senator Cicconi moved for a five-minute discussion on Textmate, Senator Marquez seconded. Motion passed. Senator Ciccino started by stating that this would be a great service for students to have. Senator Moya-Palacios agreed with the sentiments. Senator Raggio stated that student would not be interested in the service. It would be another notification they would ignore. Senator Boris stated that this would be a good service and should consider adding other services, like athletics events. Senator Marques mentioned that all the reviews on their site are positive, leaving out the negative one and informed the senate that Canvas already offers push notifications

At 5:00pm, chair ship was given to President Pro Temp Stangl

#### VII. Committee Reports

- A. Appropriations Committee- Chair Raggio
  1. The committee will meet on Thursdays from 3pm-4pm, hybrid format, in SGA office
- B. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee- Chair Melara
  1. No report. First meeting will be tonight at 8pm
- C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee- Chair Trevino
  1. New chair, Sebastian Trevino. NO meeting date set.
- D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee- Chair Hernandez
  1. No meeting time set. Reaching out to members to set a time
- E. Health and Well-Being Committee- Vice Chair Marquez
  1. The committee will meet on Wednesdays at 5:30pm, hybrid.
- F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee- Chair Soltero
  1. No report. Meeting will be Thursdays at 4pm/bi-weekly for the summer
- G. Committee on Rules and Administration- Chair Cicconi
  1. Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 3pm, hybrid in the SGA office. First meeting is tomorrow. Will be discussing Textmate

#### VIII. Executive Board Reports

- A. Student Body President Cristofer Lugo

1. No Report
  - B. Senate President Alexander P. Sutton
    1. Not present.
  - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Zachary Stangl
    1. No report
  - D. Senate Floor Leader Fernando Melara
    1. No Report. Thanked the senators for asking questions during the presentations
  - E. Student Body Vice President Valentina Casanova
    1. No report
  - F. Comptroller Gabriela Alvarez
    1. No report
  - G. Executive Administrator- *Vacant*
  - H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Ava Barnd
    1. Not present
  - I. Chief of Staff Kyomi Cabral
    1. Not Present
  - J. Chief Justice- *Vacant*
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
- A. None
- X. Unfinished Business
- A. None
- XI. New Business
- A. Confirmation hearing of Sebastian Aviles to the position of Chief Justice
    1. Sebastian presented himself to the senate. He was the Chief Justice last year. He was in the position for two months. He attended the budget hearings and several e-board meeting. He has experience in mock trial and was the president of the mock trial.
    2. Senate President Pro Tempore open the floor for a five-minute question and answer. Senator Gaynor asked when he find an interest in law, Mr. Aviles interest began his first year in high school. Senator Cicconi asked if he ever review any Writs last year, Mr. Aviles was not able to legally review them since there was not full judicial body. Senator Moya-Palacios asked if he understand the judicial authority; Mr. Aviles confirmed that he does. Senator Marquez

asked why he was absent from a lot of the senate meeting last semester; Mr. Aviles did not have reports to give and had a class scheduled at the same time as senate. However, he did advise the previous president when his guidance was asked.

Senator Morizot-Leite joined the meeting at 5:11pm

3. Senator Marquez moved for a five-minute discussion, Senator Cicconi second. Motion passed. Senator Marquez started by saying we should vote Mr. Aviles as Chief Justices. Senator Moya-Palacios and Senator stated that they would vote in favor.
4. Senator Marquez moved to go into voting, senator Gaynor seconded the motion

Sebastian Aviles- Chief Justice Appointment			
Senators Name	Senators Position	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yes	
Sergio Morizot-Leite	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yes	
Nathalie Mendoza-Salas	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yes	
Delano Cicconi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yes	
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Manuel Soltero	School of International and Public Affairs	Yes	
Iara Raggio	Upper Division MMC	Yes	
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Yes	
Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
26	0	0	9

With a 26-0-0 vote, Sebastian Aviles is confirmed as the new Chief Justice.

XII. Public Forum

A. None

XIII. Announcements

A. none

XIV. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting Adjourned at 5:31 p.m.