



The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Minutes
Date: July 11, 2022

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:05 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	Absent	
Sergio Morizot-Leite	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	arrived at 5:11pm
Nathalie Mendoza-Salas	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	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	Present	
Ian Lares-Chacin	College of Business	Present	
Matthew Gaynor	College of Business	Present	

Isabel Quintanilla	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
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	
Grace Mccullough	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Cole Sebastian	College of Law	Present	
Shebin George	College of Medicine	Present	
Kenrik Chirinos	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	
Matthew Micalizzi	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
Ahmend Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	arrived at 4:32
Morida "MJ" Johnson	University Graduate School	Present	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Cassandra Soriano	Honors College	Present	
John Boris	Lower Division BBC	Present	
Zachary Stangl	Lower Division MMC	Present	
Mia Rodriguez	MMC Housing	Present	
Sofia Castillo	MMC Housing	Absent	
Vacant	MMC Housing	Vacant	
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	Absent	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
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Iara Raggio	Upper Division MMC	Present	
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Present	arrived at 4:15pm

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

A.

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Senate President Sutton suggested a minor change to the agenda to move New Business after the adoption of the agenda. Senator Moya-Palacios moved to approve the agenda with change of New Business, Senator Marquez seconded. Motion passes.

V. New Business

A. Confirmation of Mariana Machado to Executive Administrator

1. Mariana Machado presented herself to the senate for the Executive Administrator position. She is a sophomore, engaged in SGA in high school as vice president and is currently the vice president Panhellenic council. She hopes to increase engagement
2. Senate Gaynor moved to open a five-minute question and answer, Senator Moya-Palacios seconds the motion. Motion passes. Senator Gaynor asked if she would be interested in sharing weekly reports to students about what SGA has worked on. Ms. Machado likes the idea. Senator Moya-Palacios asked why he should vote for her. Ms. Machado responded by stating that she is highly organized.
3. President Pro Tempore Stangl moved to go into voting, Senator Gaynor seconded. Motion passes

Senators Name	Senators Position	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Sergio Morizot-Leite	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Nathalie Mendoza-Salas	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yes	
Delano Cicconi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Nicolas Marquez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yes	
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	Yes	
Brian Fogel	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yes	
Samuel Morales	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yes	
Alexandra Miqueli	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Yes	
Adrian Rodriguez	College of Business	Absent	
Aleck Estrada Arzamendi	College of Business	Yes	
Dylan Salem	College of Business	Yes	
Ian Lares-Chacin	College of Business	Yes	
Matthew Gaynor	College of Business	Yes	

Isabel Quintanilla	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Yes	
Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Yes	
Fernando Melara Barahona	College of Engineering and Computing	Yes	
Francesca Casanova	College of Engineering and Computing	Yes	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing		
Sebastian Trevino	College of Engineering and Computing		
Grace Mccullough	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Yes	
Cole Sebastian	College of Law	Yes	
Shebin George	College of Medicine	Yes	
Kenrik Chirinos	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	
Matthew Micalizzi	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
Ahmend Soliman	University Graduate School		
Morida "MJ" Johnson	University Graduate School	Yes	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
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Cassandra Soriano	Honors College	Yes	
John Boris	Lower Division BBC		
Zachary Stangl	Lower Division MMC	Yes	
Mia Rodriguez	MMC Housing	Yes	
Sofia Castillo	MMC Housing	Absent	
Vacant	MMC Housing	Vacant	
Amanda Guerra	Online Student Senator	Absent	
Alexander Sutton	School of International and Public Affairs	Yes	
Kaily LaChapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
Manuel Soltero	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
Iara Raggio	Upper Division MMC	Yes	
Nathalie "Naty" Jusino	Upper Division MMC	Yes	
Vote Count			

Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
24	0	0	7

Mariana Machado is confirmed as the Executive Director with a 24-0-0 vote.

B. Confirmation of Bianca Roman to Deputy Chief of Staff

1. Bianca Roman presented herself to the senate for the Deputy Chief of Staff to the senate. She is an international relations major who participates in Model UN, in the Honors College. She is detail oriented, communicative, and organized.
2. President Pro Tempore Stangle moved for a three-minute question and answer, Senator Mendoza-Sala seconded. Motion passes. President Pro Tempore Stangle asked with the skilled she mentioned, how would you help the team. Ms. Roman responded that she has experience working in large teams and her skills helped with working with the large group. Senator M. Rodriguez asked what jumped in the Deputy Chief position for her to apply for it. Ms. Roman stated that in Spain, where she is from, there is no student government and joining SGA will help her get involved in FIU. Senator Marquez asked why we should confirm her. Ms. Roman has worked with Cristopher and Kiyomi in the past and knows how to best work with them
3. President Pro Tempore Stangle moved to vote by unanimous consent. Motion passed. Senate President Sutton moved to confirm Bianca Roman as Deputy Chief of Staff by unanimous consent, with no objections Bianca Roman is confirmed as Deputy Chief of Staff. Twenty-eight senators were present at the time of voting.

C. Confirmation of Vincent Toranzo to Secretary of Governmental Relations

1. Vincent Toranzo presented himself to senate for the Secretary of Governmental Relations position. Mr. Toranzo was appointed as the youngest member of the Healthy Equity Task Force by the president of United States. He hopes to increase FIU presence in Tallahassee.
2. There was no objection to a three-minute question and answer. President Pro Tempore Stangle asked how he got into politics. Mr. Toranzo said he has been interested in politics at an early age. Senator

Gaynor asked what skills he gained while serving on the task force. Mr. Toranzo gained advocacy skills.

3. Senator Moya-Palacios moved to vote by unanimous consent, Senator Marquez seconded the motion. With no objections, Vincent Toranzo was confirmed as Secretary of Governmental Relations. Twenty-eight senators were present at the time of voting.

D. Confirmation of Monica Mata to Secretary of Health and Well-being

1. Monica Mata presented herself to the senate for the Secretary of Health and Well-Being to the senate. She is a second-year international business major. She is in Model UN and a strong advocate for health.
2. There was no objection to a three-minute question and answer. Senator Gaynor asked what skills she has gained from Model UN. Ms. Mata overcame her fear of public speaking. Senator M. Rodriguez asked what area of health she wants focus on. Ms. Mata was to focus on physical, emotional, and mental health. Senator Marquez asked is the first thing to if confirmed. Ms. Matas will focus on the retention of the health policies. Senator Raggio asked how she is going to manage this position and her other involvements. Ms. Matas has made arrangements that will allow her to be in SGA.
3. Senator Marquez moved to vote by unanimous consent, Senator Stangle seconded. With no objections, Monica Mata was confirmed as Secretary of Health and Well-Being. Twenty-eight senators were present at the time of voting.

E. Confirmation of Jonathan Smith to Secretary of Veterans Affairs

1. Jonathan Smith presented himself to the senate for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs position. Mr. Smith is a first-year computer science major who was a part of JROTC in high school.
2. There was no objection to a three-minute question and answer. Senator Soliman asked what is the first he will do in this position. Mr. Smith will speak veteran student so that there is no disconnect with them. Senator Miqueli asks what plans to do to improve their environment. Mr. Smith plans to engage the veteran students and see what they like. Senate President Sutton asked other ideas he has for the veteran students. Mr. Smith hopes to raise money for them and buy flags to honor fallen veterans.

3. Senate Marquez moved to closed question and answer. There were no objections to the motion. Senator Gaynor moved to vote in unanimous consent, Senator Moya Palacios seconded. With no objections, Jonathan Smith was confirmed as Secretary of Veteran Affairs.

VI. Invited Speakers

- A. none

VII. Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee

1. Senator Raggio reported committee struck down the health and wellness legislation and will be reviewing the finance code.

B. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

1. Senator Melara reported that the committee voted on SR 004 and SR 005. The committee will be writing a letter to President Lugo. They will be meeting Thursday at 3:30pm

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

1. No report

D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

1. Senator Hernandez reported that the draft of the Textmate survey is completed. In their last meeting the committee spoke to some people regarding sustainable practices for events.

E. Health and Well-Being Committee

1. Senator Marquez reported that they hope to meet this week to review legislation

F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee

1. Senator Gaynor reported that they will meet next Thursday at 5:30pm

G. Committee on Rules and Administration

1. No report

VIII. Executive Board Reports

A. Student Body President Cristhofer Lugo

1. Not present

B. Senate President Alexander P. Sutton

1. Senate President Sutton is working on the Senate retreat details. The retreat is schedule for August 10, 2022, from 9:30am- 4:30pm

C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Zachary Stangl

1. Senate President Pro-Tempore Stangl encourages senators to refrain from asking hostile questions to candidates and to keep a level of

decorum. Retreat is going to be fun and hoping to get catering from Chick fil a.

D. Senate Floor Leader Fernando Melara

1. Senator Melara encourages senators asking questions during confirmations.

E. Student Body Vice President Valentina Casanova- not present

F. Comptroller Gabriela Alvarez- not present

G. Executive Administrator - *Vacant*

H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Ava Barnd- not present

I. Chief of Staff Kiyomi Cabral- not present

J. Chief Justice Sebastian Aviles

1. Chief Justice Aviles reported that had been five interviews for different judicial positions. They are waiting to interview everyone before bringing in for confirmations.

IX. Vetoed Legislation

- A. none

X. Unfinished Business

- A. none

XI. Public Forum

- A. none

XII. Senate Forum

- A. none

XIII. Announcements

- A. Senator Morizot updated the senator on his medical fair event. He will be working with RSOC for this event. He has applied to them and is waiting for a response.

XIV. Advisor Reports

- A. Larissa James: Please RSVP for the Student Leadership Retreat (August 4, 2022) and review the email sent by Elizabeth Rizo regarding HR paperwork.

XV. Meeting Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.