



## Student Government Association

### The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate

#### Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call

## Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	arrived at 4:25pm
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Absent	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	
David Almansa	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
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Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	
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Erika Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Hua Hui Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Present	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Present	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Present	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	School of International and Public Affairs	Vacant	
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Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Present	
Kanayo Nomeh	University Graduate School	Present	arrived at 4:15 pm
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	
Ashley Young	Upper Division BBC	Present	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Absent	
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Absent	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	



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Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
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<b>Quorum is Established</b>	Present	28
	Absent	7
	Vacant	12

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

A. None

### IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Agenda approved.

### V. Invited Speakers

A. None

### VI. Public Forum

A. None

### VII. Committee Reports

#### A. Appropriations Committee

In the process to find the meeting time, vice Chair position opened.

#### B. Committee on Rules and Administration

Meeting will be on Mondays at 12, will start on Jan 22

#### C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

GPCS will be meeting on Friday, suggestions to be brought forward.

#### D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

Tuesdays 3.30 bi-weekly meeting will start on Jan 23

#### E. Health and Well-Being Committee

Members graduated so seats to be filled, planning ongoing.

#### F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee

A bill to be reviewed, meeting time to be decided.

#### G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

Meetings will be on Thursdays 5.30 pm bi-weekly, some members graduated as well, will work on the plan from last year for international student's welcome package.

### VIII. Executive Board Reports

#### A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton



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Would like to invite everyone to the State of the Student Body address tomorrow on Jan 9 at 6 pm, goals for Spring will be outlined.

B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle

Monday Jan 15 no meeting (MLK day), next meeting on Jan 22. 13 total meetings for the Spring semester, proposals to be submitted timely. Informed the members about the available budget. All the committee emails are currently working and can be used for communication. Currently 12 vacancies in the senate to be filled, application by Jan 18 or after the election.

BBC Senate dates Feb 19 and Apr 1. The tentative date for Meet Your Dean event is Mar 14.

C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell

Office hours on Mon and Tue so assistance can be provided if needed, collaboration encouraged; applications for SGA positions encouraged as well; reminded the members about the dress code.

D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez

Attendance will be tracked, collaboration is encouraged.

E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way

E-board meeting took place with goals set; Breezeway is open until midnight now.

F. Comptroller Iara Raggio

G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado

H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King

I. Chief of Staff Anna Meredith

J. Chief Justice Mia Rodriguez

IX. Vetoed Legislation

A. None

X. Unfinished Business

A. None

XI. New Business

A. 10- minute discussion on goals/initiatives for Spring 2024 semester with 2-minute speaking time

Sen. Stone: would like to organize events on housing.



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Sen. Arzola: interest in groups on campus is present, engagement should be enhanced; hand sanitizer is not present in the food distribution places, collaboration between College of Engineering and Nursing to be enhanced.

Sen. Campbell: townhall event proposed with invitations to campus organization members; graduate course prep exam this semester.

Sen. Way: for Sen. Arzola to collaborate with university staff for social media traffic.

Sen. Barriga: SGA and RSO to collaborate on CASE event preparation on campus with participation of clubs and organizations under CASE.

Sen. Nomeh: there is no section for reviews on the housing website for students to leave their experiences, for the sub-committees to look for a solution.

Sen. Stone motioned to extend the discussion by 10 minutes, passed.

Sen. Stone: proposes a series on social media with senators recording their experiences to increase awareness about SGA activities.

Sen. Hernandez: April is the Earth Month, a sustainability fare to be scheduled, Climate Action Plan will be developed for FIU. Renovation of the recreation space on the EC proposed.

Sen. Young: more courses proposed for BBC, and more clubs; improving the commute.

Sen. Brochinsky: the phone line improvement is proposed to improve accessibility.

Sen. Lachapelle: lobbying for the student rights in Tallahassee voted on; part of the goal is to collect the student proposals.

Sen. Campbell motioned to extend the discussion by 5 min, passed.

Sen. Campbell: E-board set goals, one of them is lobbying, also improving transportation including the airport shuttle.

Sen. Lachapelle: proposes a survey for off-campus housing experiences, another goal is to focus on transportation including BBC shuttles operation on weekends.

### XII. Senate Forum

#### A. None

### XIII. Announcements

#### A.

### XIV. Advisor Reports



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- A. Larissa Adames: the committee meetings dates and times to be shared and posted, minutes to be taken. Spring office hours to be submitted. Party application form for the election is available.  
Mon and Tue will be days on MMC for in-person meeting, the summit registration is open.  
Larissa Adames and Michelle Castro to be put in Cc for emails to stay informed of the activities.  
Sen. President Sutton: SGA will sponsor rehabilitation of student spaces in the College of Law
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
  - A. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.