



Student Government Association

The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 22, 2024

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting called to order at 4:08 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	Absent	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
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Quorum is Established	Present	31
	Absent	4
	Vacant	12

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

A. None

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Sen. Sharma: motions to move new business before the reports and forum, passes.

V. Invited Speakers

A. Brian Levine: Constitutional Convention has held meetings, the next one is tomorrow, public is encouraged to attend, the final draft with amendments will be considered, public comments will be considered. The media and press are invited. If there are any concerns the participants should join from the beginning.

VI. Public Forum

A. Member 1 (Daniel Soltano): is from FIU Engineering, team is making improvements to EV charging software to improve the experience with charging.

Member 2 (Judith): over 650 people asked to pass the Ceasefire Now resolution, the pressure on SGA will continue.

Member 3 (Javier): the SGA represent current students and other individuals associated with the university. The President is invited to attend a viewing on Oct 7 events. Considers supporting the resolution supporting HAMAS.

Member 4 (Maria): the resolution calls for a ceasefire and end of military assistance to Israel. The ceasefire was only temporary, Israel on trial for genocide accusations, encourages the passage of the resolution.

Member 5 (Vishmal): ceasefire is not one-sided, HAMAS has been using human shields, the goal is peace and safety for both Palestine and Israel. Bilateral approach is needed.

Member 6 (Casey): speaks in support of Palestinian people, respects the process at FIU, the story of Palestinians should be heard, the harm caused by the policy of the U.S. needs to be rectified.



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Member 7 (Dan): wants to address the concerns of the Jewish community. The war should end when HAMAS is gone, and hostages released. Palestinian freedom should not come at the expense of the people of Israel.

Member 8 (Izzy): the members of the student body should be safe; the resolution should be considered for the safety of Palestinian and other minority students.

Member 9 (Noel): both sides have spent time, suggest spending time praying. The people should come beyond hateful worlds, come together, pray for the future.

Member 10 (Jovahan): some members of the SGA do not realize the importance of the resolution, asked for students to be represented. 25,000 Gazans have been killed, the healthcare system decimated, more than 50 countries supported the case against Israel brought by South Africa

Member 11: notion of the genocide is wrong, considers the numbers reported by HAMAS inflated, there are civilian losses that are being mourned. Would like to have genuine conversations, including on genocide accusations.

Member 12 (Tara): would like to give a definition of genocide, infrastructure in Gaza has been destroyed, hospitals have been bombed, there are attempts to expel the civilians of Gaza.

Member 13: there was a ceasefire on Oct 6, Israel did not start or want the war, if HAMAS put the arms down there would be peace, for the Israel there would not be Israel. HAMAS would commit attacks again. Jewish nationals experienced genocide in the past

Member 14 (Oscar): atrocities are being committed against Palestinians; Palestinians have not had peace for 75 years.

Member 15 (Zuhra): people are not seen as human beings, called radicals. Those coming to the table should be willing to talk.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee

Met last Thu, worked on 3 legislation items.

B. Committee on Rules and Administration

Met on Mon morning, voted on 3 pieces of legislation, meetings are open to public.

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee



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Has had 3 meetings, passed several pieces of legislation, worked on the election changes.

D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

Meeting tomorrow, meetings are open to the public, discussion will be on climate action plan and sustainability fair.

E. Health and Well-Being Committee

Discussing the meeting time and the initiatives

F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee

Had first meeting today, passed 3 pieces of legislation.

G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

Had first meeting on Jan 11, discussed goals, worked on welcome packages and other matters. Working on townhalls, attendance of meetings by public is encourages.

Motion to extend the meeting until 6:05 passed.

VIII. Executive Board Reports

A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton

Those not attending should be reminded to attend in person where possible. The public participation in the meeting has been active, dialogue is encouraged between all parties. On Jan 30 there is a focus group on academic advising, those who would like to share experiences are encouraged to attend.

B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle

Vacant senate positions to be filled, office hours to be conducted. 11 more meetings will be held, for ideas and legislation members are encouraged to address the leadership.

C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell

SGA works to address all concerns raised in the public forum, Senate members can meet with members of the public during office hours, all participants should be respectful and aim for unity. The leadership will travel to Tallahassee to advocate for FIU needs. International students townhall will be held on the challenges faced by students.

Motion to extend the meeting by additional 10 min failed.



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D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez

Thanks, the participants for showing up and expressing concerns, the participants should be respectful and strive for unity. SGA lobbying day upcoming, those having questions are encouraged to reach out. Meeting minutes should be submitted.

E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way

Gave the summary of the events that took place. The Dean of Students hiring process underway.

Sen. Brochinsky motioned to extend the session until 6:10 pm, passed.

For the housing senators, any ideas should be put forward for the upcoming event.

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.

X. Unfinished Business

A.

XI. New Business

A. Confirmation of Election Board Member – Grace Sancruzado

The candidate introduced herself; a considerable proportion of students are first-generation immigrants. Candidate gave her background at FIU.

Q&A: Sen. Dawson asked about past involvements – the candidate is a co-director of outreach, collaborates with others, reaches out to schools.

Sen. Stone asked about new perspectives the candidate wants to bring: the candidate wants to make elections more accessible and collect students' feedback.

Sen. Brochinsky: asked about the familiarity with the election code; the candidate has not reviewed it yet but has been in leadership roles, will collaborate with the supervisor.

Sen. Minar: asked about solving the new situation from the candidate's side, candidate presented her ways based on the experience.

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Sen. Sharma: asked to give specific examples of initiatives, candidate proposes to get more feedback from students, more promotional work for students to interact.

Sen. Brochinsky asked to have the job description, the SGA President presented the team structure and gave the description.

Sen. Sharma motioned to have a placard vote; roll call needed, passed.

Vote on Confirmation of Election Board Member – Grace Sancruzado

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Motion Passed	Simple Majority	16.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	21	Passed
	Three-Fifths	19	Passed

With 21 yes and 1 no, the candidate is confirmed.

B. Confirmation of Executive Administrator – Natalie Martinez

Senate President gave the introduction of the position, the candidate introduced herself. Has no prior SGA experience, gave her experience and reasons to be a suitable candidate.

Q&A: Sen. Stone: asked about the prior experience with social media, candidate gave her answer and experiences that will make her a good match for the position.

Sen. Sharma: asked whether the candidate plans to use non-FIU and FIU connections, candidate has not given it the consideration yet but will investigate bringing more experience from connection.

Sen. Way: not enough people know about SGA work and the plans to increase engagement; the candidate thinks that videos would be helpful, and a group effort is needed.

Sen. Lachapelle: asked about the knowledge on budget and priorities. The candidate has been looking into it and will do more work.

Sen. Salup-Cid: asked about components of the budget that will be non-negotiable, the candidate will be looking onto it.

Sen. Brochinsky motioned to extend the session by 2 minutes, passes.

The candidate continued her answer on the potential budget reductions.

Sen. Sharma: motioned to move to the roll call, passes.



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C. The Standardized Housing Safety Procedures Act.

Sen. Stone presented the statistics of emergencies on college campuses and the reasons for the introduction of the Act.

The key points of the Act presented: emergency buttons placement, as well as evacuation routes designation on magnets.

Sen. Sharma: proposed the vote, but this is the first reading of the document.

Q&A motion by Sen. Stone passes.

Q&A: Sen. Sharma asked about potential stalking, Sen. Stone: suggest more awareness, emergency buttons could be useful.

Sen. Campbell asked about the funding, Sen. Stone: funding is between the Housing department and police. Cost estimate: not currently available

Se. Brochinsky: asked about magnet implementation at BBC Bayview, Sen. Stone: would like to get it implemented at Bayview.

Sen. Sharma motioned to extend by 2 min, passes.

Sen. Sharma: asked about the implementation timeline. No specific timeline yet, will try to implement as soon as possible.

Sen. Hernandez, Karina: asked about sexual assault prevention. The system will help to get help as soon as possible.

Sen. Way: administration must be involved to contact police; the current proposal should improve the contact between students and FIU police.

Sen. Brochinsky motioned to extend Q&A by 90 sec, passes.

Sen. Stone: the goal is to better inform students about the resources available to them.

XII. Senate Forum

A. Sen. Brochinsky: BBC had a session on the strategic plan, outlined the way the Rules Committee works.

Sen. Stone: thanks everyone for attendance, people are at the center, both sides are invited to create a concise bill.



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Sen. Salup-Cid motioned to extend the Senate by 7 min, passed.

Sen. Salup-Cid: only some members of the Rules committee spoke regarding the legislation, considers it inaction. Suggest taking a stand on the matter.

Sen. Legoute: thinks that the resolution needs more work. Both sides need to work together for representation. Open to work with the participants

Sen. Brochinsky: the Rules Committee minutes will be uploaded.

Sen. Stone: the Pride Student Union posting a shame regarding SGA is inappropriate.

Sen. Stone motioned to extend the Senate by 10 min, failed.

Sen. Stone motioned to extend by 5 min, passed.

Sen. President Sutton: in the future room will be reserved until past 7 pm.

Sen. Way: thinks other entities should not support anything that slanders the SGA members.

Sen. Salup-Cid respectfully disagrees since advocacy is the point.

Sen. Brochinsky: the Rules Committee decided democratically and should be respected.

Sen. Salup-Cid understands the democratic process but does not think the decision was made well.

Sen. Lachapelle: encourages to bring the ideas forward if amendments are proposed, currently procedure is being followed.

XIII. Announcements

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XIV. Advisor Reports

A. Larissa Adames: recommends Leadership summit attendance, in-person meetings possible on Mon and Tue, if space needs to be reserved it can be booked except for Tuesdays after 5 pm

XV. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.