



The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2024

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Meeting called to order at 4:09 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
  - A.
- III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
  - A. None
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
  - A. Sen. Brochinsky: Proposes UCC at BBC as a second item in unfinished business, motion passes
- V. Invited Speakers
  - A. Brian Levine (Chair of Constitutional Convention) and Alex Sutton (Vice Chair of Constitutional Convention)

Brian Levine, Natalie Martinez: gave an overview of proposed amendments, questions are encouraged

Q&A: Sen. Brochinsky will send the slides to Senate, Sen. Lachapelle will share as well in the folder

Sen. Barriga: asked about the timeline for amendments, Sen. Brochinsky: after the document comes back after review

Sen. Vogel: asked about the Senate Floor Leader position and financial responsible, Nathalie Martinez: positions will be consolidated; Pres. Sutton: confirms the notion that Floor Leader position will be merged with the Appropriation Leader, Floor Leader responsibilities in tracking attendance will be shifted as the position will be more financially oriented

Sen. Hernandez: asked if the Floor Leader can take a position of a Chair or Vice Chair on committees, Brian Levine: no Chair position but Vice Chair appointment is possible, Sen. Hernandez: suggest to clarify the point in Constitution

Sen. Vogel: would like clarification on the Chief Justice selection by the court, Pres. Sutton: intention is make the Judicial branch equal to other branches, the terms will be 2 years, the longest serving Justice will be acting Chief Justice until the appointment; Brian Levine: Chief Justice will be elected from within the court



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Sen. Salup-Cid: asks about independence and checks and balances of the court; Pres. Sutton: the Senate can vote to remove a Justice with a 2/3 vote, the President's veto can be overridden by 4/5 of the vote, exec branch can make initial appointments, confirmation threshold has been changed as well

Sen. Lachapelle: encourages all SGA members to look into the document and get clarifications before the debate

### VI. Public Forum

#### A. None

### VII. Committee Reports

#### A. Appropriations Committee

Did not meet last Thu as there was no agenda, meeting will be on Thursday

#### B. Committee on Rules and Administration

Did not meet quorum today, looking into the Constitution

#### C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

Met last week, approved piece of legislation, working to update the SOP

#### D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

Will meet tomorrow, meeting biweekly

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

Did not meet quorum but had discussions on legislation, planning to meet tomorrow

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

Did not meet quorum today, next meeting next week

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

Will meet this week to review the information from the townhall meeting

### VIII. Executive Board Reports

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

Update was given at the last meeting, work ongoing

#### B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle

Committees face quorum problems, those not attending need to inform the leadership or the committee chairs unless in an emergency; committee meeting minutes need to be uploaded for review. No meeting during the spring break. Legislation needs to be reviewed prior to discussion

#### C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell

#### D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez



Emphasized the quorum issue, attendance tracking is prioritized, those missing out will need to reach out. Potential budget was finalized last week, Sen. Lachapelle: questions are encouraged

E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way

F. Comptroller Iara Raggio

G. Executive Administrator Natalie Martinez

Members of SGA to review the documents, questions and input can be forwarded

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. Confirmation of SIPA Senator Position – Sergine Metellus

The candidate introduced herself and gave her background information, would like to play a bigger role in the decisions that are being made, feels that SIPA students have fewer opportunities and less communication with administration, looks forward to working on that

Q&A: Sen. Brochinsky: asked about candidate's BBC experience and SIPA presence; the candidate answered about her experience, has not been able to meet SIPA advisors  
Candidate answered a q about communication and opportunity to learn communication

Sen. Barriga: asked about initiatives to be enacted, candidate answered about a possibility of a career fair for jobs and internships

Motion for a roll call vote passed, with 19 yes and 1 abstention the candidate is confirmed.

B. S.B. 04 018 – All About The Money

Sen. Pres. Lachapelle gave an outline of the bill to increase the A&S fee and the health fee through university-wide referendum. The budget allocation has decreased, students should provide input into the proposed increase.

Sen. Vogel: the intention is to increase transparency and awareness about the budget spending among the students.

Q&A: none



Discussion: Sen. Brochinsky: medical appointments at BBC are offered only on Tuesdays during certain hours, is not in support of raising the health fee, suggests being more creative with the A&S fee as opposed to increasing it in order to keep the school attendance affordable

Sen. Hernandez: agrees that the matter should be up to the student body, which is the provision of the bill, a forum will be considered that is open to all students; inflation plays a role with cuts to funding being necessary

Sen. Dawson: the students would be able to make a decision, the amount of the increase is relatively low

Sen. Vogel: the resolution is about the transparency and educating the student body about where the funding is going, the DRC budget has decreased in the past several years

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

Sen. Brochinsky: the student forum should come before the Senate vote on the resolution, proposes postponing the vote

Sen. Lachapelle: the student health services at BBC would need to be increased which requires the funding increase. Suggests a vote and a clause to specify the town hall conduct, would like the student body to be educated regarding the matter

Sen. Hernandez: agrees with the need of a vote on the resolution and educating the student body as soon as possible, considers two separate forums on A&S and health fees

Sen. Brochinsky motions to extend the discussion by another 5 min, passes.

Sen. Brochinsky: likes the idea of two separate forums, asked what would happen after the vote; Sen. Lachapelle: 60% need to vote yes, the resolution is not binding and input from students is being sought; the process will take time for implementation

Sen. Hernandez: A&S fees also pay for grad student work in programming and planning

Sen. Lachapelle: grad assistant positions and other positions are being funded through A&S fee, minimum wage and inflation have increased. Asked the co-sponsors regarding potential amendments, approved

Sen. Vogel motions for a roll call vote, motion passes.

The bill passed in a roll call vote.



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Sen. Lachapelle recommends working on one more piece of legislation. Sen. Salup-Cid motioned tabling all other items on the agenda to March 4 Senate meeting, passes.

Sen. Dawson moves to extend the Senate to 6.10pm, passed.

### C. S.R. 04 020 – Alumni Emails

Sen. Dawson gave an outline of the bill to reverse the termination policy proposal for alumni email access. The IT department would support the decision made by the University, according to communication

Q&A: Sen. Brochinsky moves to elapse the Q&A and discussion and go into roll call voting, motion passes.

With 19 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions the resolution passed.

### D. S.R. 04 019 – SAFE

### E. S.R. 04 016 – UCC @ BBC

Sen. Brochinsky gave the outline of the resolution to schedule more core curriculum courses at BBC. Classes are hard to find and get filled quickly currently.

Sen. Baptiste: agrees with the issues mentioned by Sen. Brochinsky, classes are hard to get

Q&A: Sen. Hernandez: asked whether the number 75 relates to the number of courses, Sen. Brochinsky: there are unique classes and sections, 75 is the number which represents a 50% increase from 50 sections

Discussion: none

Sen. Brochinsky motioned to go into a roll call vote, motion passed. With 22 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions the resolution passed.

### F. S.B. 04 011 – Senate Town Halls

## XI. New Business

### A. S.B. 04 013 – ASBO Act

### B. S.B. 04 012 – ABC's

### C. S.R. 04 017 – ERA

### D. S.B. 04 021 – Election Streamlining

## XII. Senate Forum

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## XIII. Announcements

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## XIV. Advisor Reports



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- A. Larrissa Adames: Elections forum tomorrow, attendance is encouraged. Museum with SGA event is on March 13
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
  - A. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.