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The 41st Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2024

- I. Call to Order 4:32 pm
- II. FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Emma Wolff	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	


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Kai Palomino	College of Business	Present	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Absent	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	
Rayhan Marreroo	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Ericka Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Noah Fineberg	College of Law	Present	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	
Vacant	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	


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Ashley Young	Housing- BBC	Absent	
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present	
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Absent	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
James Hernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Present	
Oghoritsewarami Boyo	University Graduate School	Present	
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Absent	
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Present	
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	
Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Absent	
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Present	
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Nicolas De Aguilar	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	



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Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	30
	Absent	10
	Vacant	16

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
 - A. Monday, May 6th, 2024.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
 - Sen. Fineberg motions to amend the agenda to move the reports above the new business, seconded, no objections.
- VI. Invited Speakers
 - A. N/A
- VII. Public Forum
 - A. N/A
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
 - A. N/A
- IX. Unfinished Business
 - A. N/A
- X. New Business
 - A. Election of Finance Chair
 - 1. Sen. Cambron moves to read the title only, motion seconded
 - 2. Sen. Touissant moves to read the descriptions, motion seconded
 - 3. Sen. Stone gave the outline of the position
 - 4. Sen. Mata nominates Sen. Caseres, accepted
 - 5. Sen. Caseres gave a speech, aims to serve with integrity, accountability, and transparency, and to serve others. Hopes to work with all Senators
 - 6. Sen. Stone moves for a 5 min discussion, no objections



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7. Sen. Boyo asks about the candidate's experience; the candidate answered about serving as vice-president in high school, has experience and perspectives as a Finance and Accounting major
8. Sen. Touissant asks about special allocations; Sen. Caseres: the decisions will be with the committee and Statutes to be followed
9. Sen. Feinberg: asked about allocation rate for the RSOs; Sen. Caseres: to be discussed with RSO representatives
10. Sen. Hernandez: asked about priorities for the upcoming year; Sen. Caseres: the Budget committee will be in charge of the budget
11. Sen. Brochinsky: asked about student body requests, Sen. Caseres: in accordance with the student body needs
12. Sen. Feinberg moves to extend discussion by 3 min, motion passes
13. Sen. Brochinsky: asked about funding of organizations; Sen. Caseres: will follow the rules, examine the needs of organizations in terms of funding
14. Sen. Hernandez: would like follow up on the previous question, Sen. Caseres: will work with the elected Committee and the RSO representatives to determine the funding needs
15. Sen. Brochinsky: asks about how the organizations would be served in the same way; Sen. Caseres: to be decided with the Committee
16. Sen. Sutton moves for a roll call vote, motion passes.
17. With 25 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions Sen. Caseres elected as Finance Chair.

Vote on Wilkin Caseres for Finance Chair

Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	


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Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Emma Wolff	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Kai Palomino	College of Business	Present	Absent	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	Vacant	
Rayhan Marreroo	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	Absent	


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Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Absent	
Ericka Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	Absent	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	Vacant	
Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Yes	
Noah Fineberg	College of Law	Present	Yes	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	Yes	
Ashley Young	Housing- BBC	Absent	Absent	
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	Yes	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	Vacant	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Absent	Absent	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
James Hernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	



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Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Abstention	
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Oghoritsewaram i Boyo	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent	
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Absent	Absent	
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Present	Abstention	
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	No	
Nicolas De Aguilar	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	

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Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
25	1	2	16

18. Sen. Caseres sworn in as the Finance Chair.

19. Sen. Caseres: looks forward to the work, those who have questions can reach out

B. Election of Floor Leader

1. Sen. Stone gave an outline of the position
2. Sen. Hernandez nominates Sen. Krause, accepted.
3. Sen. Sharma nominates Sen. Brochinsky, not accepted.
4. Sen. Gedeon nominates himself
5. Sen. St. Rose nominates herself
6. Sen. Krause gave a speech, believes in the SGA's ability to create positive change, with transparency and accountability. Passionate about sustainability and environmental impact. Have worked within several student organizations
7. Sen. Gedeon gave a speech, would like to embrace diversity, believes in the power of unity, committed to inclusivity. Would like to get perspectives for collaboration, believes in the power of working together and unity
8. Sen. St. Rose gave a speech, would like to represent LGBTQ students, minorities, and underrepresented students. Takes the needs of others as a priority. Goal is to implement transparent communication and transparent environment
9. Sen. Feinberg moves to have a 9-min discussion divided between 3 candidates. Sen. Stone moves to have a 15-min discussion, motion passes.
10. Sen. Brochinsky asks about responsibility and accountability in the Senate
Sen. Gedeon: takes everything done at the Senate as important
Sen. Krause: believes in consequences, can be decided as a group
Sen. St. Rose: expectations should be clear, supportive environment is important
11. Sen. De Aguilar: asks Sen. Krause about the sustainability focus and how it will relate to the role of the Floor Leader; Sen. Krause: providing support to Senators will be the first priority, would like to collaborate with others on issues to be addressed



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- 12. Sen. Touissant: asks about the candidates' plan to ensure accountability
 Sen. Gedeon: there is a need to find reasons and collectively decide on an action
 Sen. Krause: accountability is a balance and communication is important, encourages all Senators to fulfill their responsibilities, all should be open and honest about activities and goals
 Sen. St. Rose: everyone should know the responsibilities and know and follow the rules
- 13. Sen. Stone: gave a scenario about a Senator doing something wrong and the candidates' course of action
 Sen. Krause: would like to catch the action early, find the reasons and provide support, if action needs to be taken there should be consequences
 Sen. St. Rose: personal and work balance should be taken into account, Senators need to keep themselves and others accountable
 Sen. Gedeon: SGA accountable to the student body, Senators should be kept accountable according to their commitment
- 14. Sen. Brochinsky: asked about a conflict of interest understanding
 Sen. Krause: gave her perspective
 Sen. St. Rose: would need to separate herself and step back
 Sen. Gedeon: if there is a personal interest in a matter
- 15. Sen. Hernandez: asked about the meaning of accountability
 Sen. St. Rose: accountability is about admitting missteps and correcting the problem
 St. Krause: the structure requires work as a team
- 16. Sen. Stone moves to extend the discussion, motion passes.
 Sen. Gedeon: accountability is knowing when to say yes, admitting missteps
- 17. Sen. Stone moves to move into a roll call vote, motion passes.
 With 19 votes for Sen. Gedeon, 8 votes for Sen. Krause and 1 vote for Sen. St. Rose, Sen. Gedeon is elected the Floor Leader.

Vote on Floor Leader

Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
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Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Krause
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Krause
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Gedeon
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Gedeon
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Gedeon
Emma Wolff	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Gedeon
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present		Gedeon
Kai Palomino	College of Business	Present		Absent
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Absent		
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present		St. Rose
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present		Krause
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	Vacant	


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Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	Vacant	
Rayhan Marreroo	College of Engineering and Computing	Present		Gedeon
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present		Gedeon
Ericka Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	Vacant	
Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present		Gedeon
Noah Fineberg	College of Law	Present		Gedeon
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present		Krause
Vacant	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present		Gedeon
Ashley Young	Housing- BBC	Absent		
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present		Gedeon
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present		Gedeon
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	Vacant	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Absent		
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	Vacant	
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James Hernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present		Krause
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present		Krause
Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present		Gedeon
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Present		Gedeon
Oghoritsewarami Boyo	University Graduate School	Present		Gedeon
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Absent		
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Present		Gedeon
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present		Krause
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Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Present		Krause
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present		Abstain
Nicolas De Aguilar	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present		Gedeon
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Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Gedeon
Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present		Gedeon

18. Sen. Gedeon is sworn in as the Floor Leader.

19. Sen. Gedeon gave an address, honored to hold the position and work with the Senate

C. Election of the Rules and Administration Chair



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1. Sen. Stone read the description of the position
2. Sen. Hernandez nominates Sen. Allen, accepted.
3. Sen. Allen gave a speech, gave an outline of her experience and skills, believes in communication and collaboration. Ready to provide guidance in drafting the legislation and collaborate with the authors
4. 5 min discussion: Sen. Boyo asked about acceleration of Senators' participation in conducting business. Sen. Allen: stresses open communication, Senators need to get to know each other, would like to get to know other Senators more as a Chair
5. Sen. Tillias: asked about the opinion on quality vs. quantity of legislation, Sen. Allen: believes that quality takes precedence
6. Sen. Fineberg: asks about the criteria for evaluation for whether legislation is appropriate for the floor, Sen. Allen: would be neutral and impartial in deciding
7. Sen. Mata moves to go into roll call voting, motion passes. With 27 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions Sen. Allen is elected the Rules and Administration Chair.

Vote on Alyssa Allen as Rules Chair

Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
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Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	


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Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Emma Wolff	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Absent	
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Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	Absent	
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Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Oghoritsewarami Boyo	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	



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Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Absent	Absent
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Present	Yes
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes
Nicolas De Aguilar	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes
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Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	Vacant
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
27	0	0	16

8. Sen. Allen is sworn in as Rules and Administration Chair.

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9. Sen. Allen gave an address, looks forward to work with all Senators
- D. Election of Student Life and Academic Concerns Chair
Sen. A. Sharma moves to table the matter to the next meeting and go to advisor reports, motion passes.
- XI. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Commit
 - B. Internal Affairs
 - C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
 - D. Rules
 - E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 - F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council
- XII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President
Is currently in DC, joins on Zoom
 - B. Speaker of the Senate
Went over the rules of the Senate, looks forward to work with the Senate
 - C. Speaker Pro-Tempore
Emphasized the attire rules, those who need help can reach out to Councils
 - D. Vice President
 - E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus
 - F. Lieutenant Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus
 - G. Comptroller
 - H. Floor Leader
- XIII. Senator Forum
 1. Sen. Hernandez: if anyone would like to join the food closet initiative can reach out
 2. Sen. Stone: if any Senators would like to join the initiative on food pantry creation can reach out
 3. Sen. Touissant: asked about the election, Sen. Stone: work is in progress
 4. Sen. Brochinsky: applications for the Cabinet are ongoing
- XIV. Advisors Report
Larissa Adames: member info sheets to be filed out, office is open until 5 pm in the Summer. Polos will be distributed, those who have questions can reach out
- XV. Adjournment at 6:00 pm.